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## Outdoor Classroom Exceeds Imagination

By Mick Colageo

Little could Joanne Smith and Kirsten Jimenez realize in January 2020 just how significant their little idea would be to the children attending Rochester Memorial School a year later.

Entrenched in a normal winter, Smith, an art teacher at the town's elementary school, and Jimenez, the Parent-Teacher Organization president, began discussing and planning an outdoor learning space that they envisioned would open in Spring 2020 in one of the school's courtyards.

"We had no idea what was to come about with COVID in March of 2020 and schools closing. We had already begun planning ideas and needed funding," said Smith, who serves as project coordinator. "When the Tri-Town Education Foundation Learning Grant came up, we decided that this would be something to apply for to help fund student benches and a teacher workstation."

Smith and three other Rochester Memorial faculty members associated with the project were awarded \$2,000, according to Tri-Town Education Foundation member and Old Rochester Regional School District Web Coordinator Erin Bednarczyk.

Two months after Jimenez and Smith began discussions, Massachusetts had shut down school for the duration of the 2019-20 academic year, and only recently have Old Rochester Regional district schools reinstituted a full, in-person learning model for grades K-6. Over a year later, plans are in place for a full return for all grades later this month.

Despite a pandemic that knew no end a year ago, Kate Duggan, Melissa Weigel, Cindy Baronas, and Tracey Forns helped Jimenez and Smith form a committee representing grade levels and parents to enact the project that is known today as the Nurse Thayer Memorial Outdoor Classroom.

The space is dedicated to the late Joanne Thayer,

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***On the Cover:** Rochester Memorial School first grader Grace Scanlon works on her art lesson in the Nurse Thayer Memorial Outdoor Classroom. The creation of the classroom, which sits in one of the courtyards at the school, was conceived in January 2020, two months before school was shut down by the state due to the coronavirus pandemic. Photo by Joanne Smith*

who served as school nurse at Rochester Memorial. Thayer's body was claimed by cancer, but her legacy belongs to Rochester students.

"Nurse Thayer was a caring and dedicated nurse. Also, her grandchildren attended RMS and her daughter, Karin Henry, still works in our Project Grow (program)," said Smith. "It was appropriate to name it after a nurse in (light) of the (pandemic) and all the medical workers who are caring for COVID patients."

Classes in all grades and specialist classes like art and music, from primary to upper grades, have used the space this year.

"Mr. Edmund and Pat O'Connell from Marion heard about the story and it touched their hearts, as his wife was also a retired nurse and their grandchildren attended RMS," said Smith. "They then reached out to help fund the rest of the money needed for the teacher workstation."

Equipped with a dry erase board, the teacher workstation, along with the benches, was custom designed and handcrafted by local woodworker Rodney

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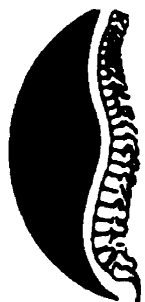
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Fielding in Wareham. In all, the project was completed for under \$3,000 and will be completed with mulch, flowers, and garden boxes.

"You never know, you get these ideas. We started to have lunch and talk about it," said Smith. "The Tri-Town Education Foundation learning grant was awesome; we've definitely been using it. The benches were set up in the fall until it got too cold, and when it warmed up, we started using it again."

The teacher's station was completed a week ago, making for what Smith called "an easily accessible" site capable of "getting all the kids outside where they can have a mask break and snacks. It's a comfy little space."

There is a sign-up sheet on location, but cooperation has not been outdone by competition.

"Not yet," said Smith. "Right now, everyone's been good to each other, sharing the space."

With the next application deadline extended by five days, the next Tri-Town Education Foundation Meeting has been rescheduled for April 27.

## Between a Rock and a Hard Place

**By Marilou Newell**

We take them for granted. They have become so completely part of the local landscape that they probably don't even register on our conscious minds as we motor along, taking care of our 21<sup>st</sup> century business. Stone walls are everywhere.

But a mere heartbeat ago in geological time, stone and rock walls served the useful purpose of marking property lines, not because wooden fences couldn't be constructed, but because the stones were in the way of agricultural fields and pastures needed for livestock. Ever resourceful, the stones moved out of necessity were conserved as walls by the settlers.

We know the history, that the rocky soils of New England came about when the glaciers receded and melted away. Millions of tons of stone were left behind. The stone supply was endless.

Tossed stones, known as two-handers because they could be thrown one person using both hands, were piled about thigh high in meandering strips that became

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walls. Fields required the clearing away of stones each spring as a new unwanted crop of stones seemed to sprout up by black magic. Our forebearers called them "devil stones," believing that Beelzebub himself was pushing them up from the bowels of the earth. In reality, their emergence was the result of heaving created by frost that gave the stones their upward mobility.

Increasingly more land was cleared as demanded by the beef-butter-bacon economy of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. So writes author and landscape geologist Robert Thorson of the University of Connecticut. Thorson has been studying, educating students and the general public about the importance of stone walls for decades. His fascination with the history, archeology, and geology of stone walls in New England puts him in a unique position as an authority on the topic.

Thorson says that by the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, a whopping 70 percent of the New England countryside had been deforested for fuel, buildings, and farmlands. He said that if we could wander back in time, what we would find as far as the eye could see would be small

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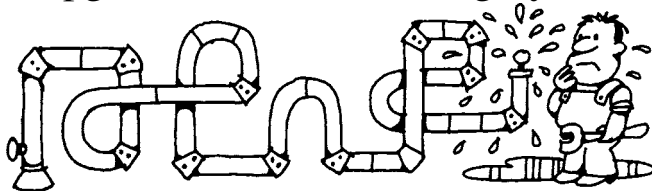
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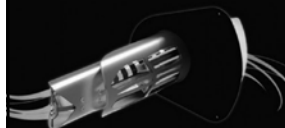
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of a statistic from  
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is that some 240,000  
miles of stone walls  
have been erected.  
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tons, “enough to  
build the Great  
Pyramid of Giza 60  
times over.”

Speaking  
of “dump walls,”  
Thorson has  
identified several  
types of stone wall

construction. There are the simple dump walls, a classic mounding of stones to mid-thigh in a casual, “I'm tired of moving rocks,” manner. There are the tossed walls, basically the same as dump walls but a bit tidier. There are the neatly fitted single walls, the neatly fitted double walls and, finally, laid walls, which utilized slate and flat stones in a linear fashion.

Thorson writes in his book, *Exploring Stone Walls*, that the tallest stone wall feature is located in Newport, Rhode Island, along the Cliff Walk, and the oldest, built in 1607, has been found in Popham, Maine. He also noted that stone walls provided protection for the minutemen during the Revolutionary War.

Given his rock-solid (pun intended) love for stone walls, Thorson founded the Stone Wall Initiative in 2002 for the continued education and conservation of stone walls in New England.

Both Thorson and researcher Susan Allport, who wrote *Sermons in Stone: The Stone Walls of New England & New York*, said of the stones in their plentitude, they just kept coming.

Here's a fun fact: The most common stone in New England is granite, but the stone walls of the area



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Allport's research discusses the geological history of the stony ground beneath our feet, commenting that their size ranges from massive boulders that seem to have suddenly stopped rolling towards the sea – think Witch Rock in Rochester or the massive boulder behind that home on Church Street in Mattapoisett – to tiny pebbles along the beach. These stones are known as melt-out till. Logment till is the term used for the rich soils beneath the melt-out till.

While stone walls were continuously built throughout the time of the early settlers until the Industrial Era, Allport reports that most walls were being built in the latter half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. She says that by the time Industrial Era walls were abandoned, economic development moved away from an agrarian society to industry, the manufacturing of goods.

The need for heating fuels has had an environmental impact over the centuries that precipitated even greater deforestation than farming had. Changes in the earth's rotation and ocean currents, as well as volcanic winters, episodes that darkened parts of the planet, all contributed to times of extreme cold weather, including years without a summer growing season.

There were approximately 500 years of weather impact on mankind and its need to survive the cold. As more and more land was cleared, widespread deforestation exposed the soils, causing them to freeze more deeply, thus creating frost heaves that lifted billions of stones to the surface.

The single most pronounced period of stone wall building came between 1775 and 1825, Allport has stated. Thorson agrees, calling it the "golden age of stone building." After the Revolutionary War, Thorson believes property owners returned to their homes with an increased sense of pride of ownership and rebuilt many dump-style walls into more uniform features.

But what becomes of those remaining stone walls hidden hither and yon throughout our Tri-Town



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area, walls that haven't been disturbed by modern day subdivisions or new home construction?

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Allport's research included the use of laser mapping technology to locate wall features deep within reforested areas. The visual emergence of long forgotten walls are truly archeological finds, giving us a better understanding of how our ancestors were using the lands. Allport believes the walls hold the key to New England's social history, including settlement patterns and farming styles, a backdrop against which human activity can be measured.

Each stone was once held by a person, a farmer, a native American, a slave. "What remains are countless individual acts etched upon the landscape – those labors, hundreds of years later, they endure," Allport wrote.

We have always found poetry in our natural world. Robert Frost wrote of "fences making good neighbors" in his poem, "Mending Wall," inspired by a wall dividing his property from his neighbors. Stone walls make us stop and wonder, "Who put this wall here ... when was it built ... what animals are using the crevices as

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shelter ... will it remain here forever?"

"Stone walls are the most important artifacts of rural New England," Thorson says. "They're a visceral connection to the past. They are just as surely a remnant of a former civilization as a ruin in the Amazon rain forest."

Stone walls are works of art and feats of engineering. They are also a thread to our collective past, like breadcrumbs leading us to a deeper appreciation for those who have gone before us.

To learn more about stone walls of New England visit [stonewall.uconn.edu](http://stonewall.uconn.edu), [roberthorson.clas.uconn.edu](http://roberthorson.clas.uconn.edu), or ask your library for Allport's books on the subject.

## Merganser Is In Season

By George B. Emmons

For avid birdwatchers, few ducks are handsomer than the brightly colored male American merganser.

The boldly black and iridescent green crest on its head are strikingly contrasted above a pristine white body, which itself is offset by an orange bill and webbed feet. The female merganser, however, has been painted with earth-bound plumage shades by Mother Nature to be camouflaged to predators when sitting on a nest. As illustrated, she nevertheless is visibly crowned with a typical merganser head-shaped crest with a windswept trailing plumage flair behind her head. And like her freshwater habitat cousin, the northern loon, she will carry her newborn on her back when they frequently need a ride.



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The merganser is a freshwater diving duck and is likely to appear now in ponds, lakes, and rivers not far from the coast, after the edges of ice have melted. It is an excellent swimmer and diver and, as competition to anglers, has learned to dive below the surface with the flash of a gun to duck out of sight and move unseen, using wings and webbed feet to power itself away and out of danger.

Sometimes they will take to the air, rising from the water using both wings and feet running or pattering on the surface before they get impetus enough to launch in the air. The offspring, like the similar wood duck, are precocial. After hatching out high in the cavity of a hollow tree, they are soon called by their mother to

climb out and drop one by one to fall and bounce on the ground and land running toward the nearest water.

This large slender diving duck uses its saw-toothed bill to get a grip on fish and then gulp them down, and so is sometimes called a Sheldrake because it is at the top end of the freshwater food chain and also in brackish tidal flats. If there is a broken link somewhere in the food chain, the merganser will feel and show it.

The health of a food chain can be affected by toxic (poisonous) chemicals that get into the water due to soil erosion, runoff, or acid rain (created by pollution). Taking care of land, water, and air that wildlife shares with us means a healthy check-up for all. The carnivorous diet of small fish, water insects, mollusks, crustaceans, and a few frogs also makes mergansers vulnerable to lead poisoning from use of sinkers by fisherman, one of the most destructive chemicals in nature today.

The reappearance of the diversified, multicolored migratory merganser, both male and female, to energize our backyard birdwatching waters is a welcome arrival in spring and a reproductive promise of nesting and rearing another generation of our most decorative waterfowl plumage, reflected in motion across the passage of the season that brings them into view and appreciation of environmental awareness for future generations.

### Attorney: Attack on Finning Baseless

By Mick Colageo

Dr. Shannon Finning, the vice chancellor of Student Affairs at UMass Dartmouth, has responded to allegations detailed in a letter written by students at the university, Interim Chancellor Mark Fuller, and Deputy Chancellor Mark Preble calling for her immediate resignation.

In an April 12 press release responding to the allegations detailed in the March 31 letter that was published in *The Torch*, UMD's school newspaper, Norwood-based Attorney Scott Dunlap spoke for Finning and reported that, while the university does not comment on personnel matters, he was told that the school has found "no evidence of financial impropriety,

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racial discrimination or animus." He further stated that no evidence of misconduct was found, and that no disciplinary charges have been issued or are forthcoming.

Dunlap characterized the allegations as baseless and went on to list Finning's accomplishments at the school in areas relevant to the allegations.

On March 30, Finning announced her resignation effective in June, a decision Dunlap called independent in his press release. Finning plans to transition to a new professional opportunity at Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

The letter published in *The Torch* and authored by six students, Liz Anusauskas, Tatiana DosSantos, Jasmine Jenkins, Dakeyla Johnson, Isabelle Joseph, and Pearl



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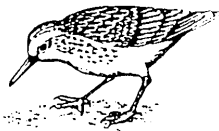
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McCarthy, demanded Finning's immediate resignation. The letter was also signed by over 50 alumni and students.

The letter launched 12 complaints including misuse and abuse of student funds; diversion of student funds not approved by the student body or its representatives; lack of professionalism when students attempted to call out unequal treatment; inability to separate personal viewpoints from decision making and communication; using power for personal agendas and intimidating faculty and staff who would support students; increased policing and security and shutdown of transportation throughout the Dells residences; deciding to shut down a less-expensive housing facility; advent of uncomfortableness students of color feel around her; intentional, targeting attacks towards former student trustee Amanda Kuffoh; neglect of student needs; and targeting students in retaliation.

Dunlap countered in his press release that, during Finning's tenure at UMD, diversity and inclusion were "dramatically improved" in the hiring and retention of employees.

Finning supervises UMD's Police Department, and Dunlap wrote that 40 percent of sworn officers now identify as black, indigenous, or people of color, a 150 percent increase during Finning's tenure. UMD's first female-identified chief of police, who also identifies as Latina and lesbian, was also hired during Finning's tenure. Dunlap further cited glowing remarks from Fuller upon Finning's announcement of her June departure.

Finning also serves as the Union #55 chairperson on Old Rochester Regional School District's Joint School Committee and is a member of the Mattapoisett School Committee.

Dunlap wrote that Finning has cooperated fully with UMD administration and that his press release would be her only comment on the matter.

## **MOSAC Looking to Avoid Slippery Ride**

*Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission*

**By Mick Colageo**

The residential development being vetted for Spring Street at Mill Street could result in stormwater runoff affecting bicyclists, according to Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission Chairman John Rockwell.

"This project's been going ahead, I guess full steam for a while, and I figured, well, we'd be notified about it when it was time to make some real decisions, and we weren't, so I found out about this project and asked for some plans," Rockwell told MOSAC members at their April 1 Zoom meeting.

His concern stems from the condition of the land where Sherman Briggs and Hamblin Homes intend to construct 28 residential units near the bike path.

"Basically, it was a basin that held water.... The property used to be at a minimum 2 feet lower than what the bike path location is; now it will be higher than the





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bike path location,” said Rockwell. “Water would stay on the lot. Runoff now will be flowing off the lot.

“They’re not in the final design phase, so (I intend) to relate my concerns to the Planning Board, who’s gotten an engineer involved, and we’ll continue to look at this. If we have to take a legal position on it other than we’re concerned about flooding onto town property – that’s all I said.... We’ll be back for a more detailed discussion.”

Rockwell said MOSAC would write a letter if necessary.

“The traffic flow around there is already fairly complicated,” said MOSAC Vice Chairman Alan Harris.

Rockwell stated that the ongoing discussion over a potentially revised design for traffic flow through that area of Spring Street bears no influence on the bike path design.

“It’s not going to be decided by us or the Bike Path Committee,” said Rockwell, who also sits on the town’s Pathway Committee. “There’s a lot of things to consider.... I think the problems there really are coming down (Route) 105 to Marion. That turn onto Spring Street is more direct than to turn down 105.... People take that turn onto Spring Street fast.”

Rockwell further pointed out the difficult sightline for drivers exiting Spring Street and turning left onto Front Street while looking over their right shoulder back at oncoming traffic. “You really have to crank your

head to do that,” he said.

A couple of years ago, three designs for the intersection were entertained by Marion residents, and Rockwell identified a consensus favoring more of a right angle that was shared by a meeting and the Marion Facebook page. Now the project is down to 75 percent design, he said, leaving only easements for construction and permitting. Feedback, said Rockwell, was due until a delay to April 20 was sought.

The Hoff property Conservation Restriction is complete. The commission tackled one outstanding matter, a \$28.36 reimbursement of the Buzzards Bay Coalition for the FedEx delivery of the paperwork associated with the conservation restriction.

Harris said people are not cleaning up after their dogs. “If you’re walking around Grassi (Bog), you can’t go birdwatching around there too carefully,” he said. “You’ve got to keep your eyes on the trail.”

Harris said the problem extends to Sippican Lands Trust properties.

“The dogs get out and walk across Goldavitz, and that’s where they let go, and people are not taking care of their pets’ waste. Grassi, in particular, is a minefield,” he said. “I’m not trying to be negative. You know, we didn’t spend a lot of time and effort and the town’s money to get these properties to be latrines for dogs. That’s not helping our water quality, etcetera.”

“That’s another reason to consider a leash rule,”



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said MOSAC member Amanda Chace. "If people can't be responsible enough to follow where their animals are going and relieving themselves that, if they're on a leash, it's easier to know."

Harris emphasized, "The properties are useful, people are using them, and we want them to be used without easily avoidable conflicts."

When the commission began to discuss open space maintenance, as listed on its April 1 agenda, the subject turned to fire roads on appropriate existing trails. Harris took the opportunity to mention the recent fire in a 10 by 4-foot area of his Point Road property that he said was extinguished by a man passing by with his child.

Rockwell said he met with Marion Fire Chief Brian Jackvony to discuss access in the area. "The trail maps are basically old fire roads.... He's going to look at them, and we'll see where we go from there," said Rockwell. "None of these are big projects; they just need a little attention."

"We wouldn't want people driving ... into the private property, but I think signage would take care of that."

Chace said she would make a sign.

Harris also said there are marks that indicate a truck has gone back into the Grassi Bog area. It was speculated that favorable fishing conditions there are the reason.

If someone has a pickup truck, the MOSAC can

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use their help, as sheet metal has been found at Grassi Bog.

"In the past, we had recycled that to some profit," noted Harris. "I also believe there's some metal at Goldavitz Bog in the middle there, metal waste that could be recycled."

Rockwell suggested that the pumping of water behind the dike at Goldavitz Bog into an irrigation pond. "You can probably find them for the next couple of weeks, they're visible now," he said.

Harris said he no longer has a working trailer, and Rockwell added that there are also some pipes at Goldavitz and also at the nearby White Eagle parcel.

MOSAC is seeking a volunteer to haul out the metal.

The next meeting of the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, at 7:00 pm.

### Proposed Marine Facility in Marion

*Editor's Note: On Tuesday, the Town of Marion unveiled a revised, scaled-down proposal for a new Harbormaster Facility. Last summer's presentation at a special public meeting met with strong criticism from different corners, resulting in the revisions. Most notable in the illustrations are the absence of some of the second-floor decking and street-level restrooms in the former proposal. The description authored by the town below will be amplified in a Zoom presentation scheduled for Monday, April 26, at 6:00 pm.*

This past September, the Town held a meeting to review a proposed new Marine Facility to be located at Island Wharf. Based on the discussion and comments received at that meeting, the design of the proposed facility has been revised. Attached are "Before and After" drawings showing the original design from September 2020 and the updated design from April 2021.

Below is a narrative regarding the design of the proposed new Marine Facility.

**Current Facility** – In 1982, the Town of Marion undertook a study of its responsibilities for oversight of Marion's Waterways. As a result, the Department of Marine Resources was created and became operational on

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May 18, 1983. A full-time director was appointed to serve as both harbormaster and shellfish officer and tasked with maintaining an orderly and secure harbor, control of shellfishing, and oversight of the roughly 880 moorings. The study also resulted in the construction of the 225 square-foot Harbormaster's Office atop the existing Island Wharf Bathhouse. The following year, the appointment of a full-time assistant was approved.

A lot has changed in the nearly 40 years the department has been in operation. The department today is comprised of three full-time employees with an additional seven employees during the summer months. Total mooring numbers now stand at nearly 1,300; coupled with vast increases in public access opportunities, the total number of vessels using Marion waters during the summer months is around 1,700. Oversight and responsibilities of today's operations is tenfold what it was in the mid-1980s.

**Why/Right Size** – The Marine Department is tasked with many responsibilities and duties, our most critical being the safe use of our water-related recreational and commercial opportunities so that life, property, and resources are protected. To support these, this new facility is being proposed to remain at the waterfront. Rapid access to the department's vessels, lifesaving gear, and equipment is critical to the fulfillment of our mission throughout the entire year. Currently, the Marine Department operates out of three separate and

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individually inadequate locations: Island Wharf, Town Hall, and Atlantis Drive. This arrangement results in a number of inefficiencies that hinder every facet of day-to-day operations. The current Island Wharf facility simply does not provide adequate storage for lifesaving gear, equipment, supplies, tools, and materials crucial to the success of this mission. It does not allow for meeting space or code required accessibility for the citizens of Marion and visitors being served.

Consolidating our administrative functions to a single location is another important step toward ensuring that we maintain and continue to improve our level of service. Additionally, the General Services Administration Guidelines designate an average of 190 square feet as the



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Simply put, the department outgrew the existing facility years ago. Working in conjunction with the Marine Resources Commission, as well as multiple Town departments and boards, we have been very successful at maximizing public access opportunities through a variety of projects. Coupled with the ever-increasing uses of Marion's Waterways and the availability of grant funding for projects such as this, we feel this is the opportune time to get the community involved and develop a consensus to move this much needed and overdue project forward.

**What Changed in the Design?** (Original Design vs. Revised Design) After the preliminary design was made public, concerns were expressed by some about the size. We reevaluated the design with the goal of reducing the size while still meeting the needs of the Marine Department. The following changes were made:

- Total footprint of 5,343 sf was reduced to 2,685 sf;
- Building footprint of 2,528 sf was reduced to 1,790 sf;
- New elevated public bathrooms deleted in favor of renovating the existing two ground-level restrooms/


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showers (will be two stand-alone 9'x13', 117 ft structures);

- ADA ramp removed in favor of a handicapped accessible lift accessible at ground level;
- Elevated Observation Deck removed. These areas will remain open space with the potential for future deck/patio construction;
- Harbormaster/Shellfish office space reconfigured and large storage room eliminated;

New renderings illustrate how these changes visually reduced the building's scale to better blend into the fabric of the waterfront and the town. The reduced scale of the building has allowed for compliance with local height requirements without needing to seek a variance.

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**Funding Sources** – We intend to apply to the Seaport Economic Councils Grant Program. This Program has funded a substantial portion of the cost of similar projects in several waterfront municipalities around the Commonwealth. Additional funding, including any matching funds, will come by issuing new debt. The annual debt service, including principal and interest, will be paid from the Waterways account, which has not carried any debt since FY16. We believe this can be done with little or no impact to current and future waterways fees.

## DeCosta Addresses Community

*Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen*

**By Marilou Newell**

Mattapoisett Selectman John DeCosta, speaking from prepared notes, addressed the residents of Mattapoisett before the Board of Selectmen's April 13 meeting got underway. DeCosta told the public that he recently received a cancer diagnosis but believes he is fully capable of carrying out the duties of selectman.



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"I ask for your thoughts and prayers," he said. Both Selectmen Paul Silva and Jordon Collyer expressed their sincere best wishes, offering prayers for DeCosta and his family.

In other business conducted by the board on April 9, the selectmen voted to have a debt exclusion question posed to voters at the May 10 Spring Town Meeting and on the May 18 election ballot – whether or not there is a fiscal appetite to borrow \$450,000. The funding, if secured, will be earmarked for roadway design projects, primarily the long-discussed Main, Water and Beacon Street span and improvements to Marion Road.

The funding will be used to complete 75-percent design development already begun by engineering firm VHB as required by the Massachusetts Transportation Improvement Program known as T.I.P. The language in the question will also give the town leverage to use interest on the bond to pay down the borrowing. The impact on the property tax rate for the Proposition 2½ ceiling was estimated at \$10 per year. Both the ballot question and the article will have to find favorable responses before further action can be taken.

Coming before the board on April 13 was Alan Decker of the Buzzards Bay Coalition and Mike Huguenin of the Mattapoisett Land Trust with a request to approve the inclusion of 8 additional acres to an existing conserved parcel known as the Old Aucoot District. The additional acreage comes from the MLT's acquisition of the former Santos Farms, which will become a meadow, Huguenin stated. The board unanimously approved the amendment to the conservation restriction.

The board also unanimously approved the return of the annual Mattapoisett Boat Race sponsored by the Rochester Firefighters Association to be held on May 31. The event was truncated last spring due to the coronavirus pandemic and state restriction on gatherings. Town Administrator Mike Lorencio said that the town could limit to 150 (per the current state guideline) the number of people participating and gathering to watch the boaters come across the finish line at the herring run located on Route 6. The selectmen added that people will not be allowed to congregate after the race is completed and that no concession services will be allowed.

Also discussed were rules for gathering at Ned's Point, also known as Veteran's Park. Lorencio asked the board for guidance on how to handle the increasing number of requests that Town Hall is receiving.

After discussing the pros and cons, and desirous to try and come up with a formula that would allow gatherings while maintaining the state's safety guidelines, the board determined that up to 50 people would be allowed to gather for weddings and picnics, pending permission. They also said that weddings would have a time limit of one hour, and picnics three hours, and that a two-hour separation between events would be in place.

DeCosta added that use of the town's parks including Shipyard Park and The Landing needs a

complete review, including fees and updated policies.  
The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, at 6:30 pm.

### **Callow Named Chair of ZBA**

*Marion Zoning Board of Appeals*

**By Mick Colageo**

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals is looking for a few good members.

The March 28 departure of Chairperson Christina Frangos was dealt with stunning ease during the ZBA's April 8 Zoom meeting, in which Cynthia Callow volunteered and was immediately thanked and voted into the lead position by attending members Margie Baldwin, Jim Ryba, and Will Tiftt.

Member Dr. Ed Hoffer, who is also the chair of the town's Board of Health, was not present for the April 8 meeting. Tiftt is an alternate member whom the ZBA hopes can swiftly be approved by the Board of Selectmen for full-member status. Ideally, Administrative Assistant Anne Marie Tobia told the board, the ZBA should have five full members and three alternates.

A public appeal for new membership was made, and necessary steps include an interview with candidates during a public meeting and a potential recommendation by the ZBA to the selectmen for a final decision of appointment.

"This is a fairly significant number of people

we're asking to bring on. Do you guys have a sense of what kind of people you like other than even-tempered and thoughtful and fair?" asked Tiftt.

"I just think you have to have a level head and you're willing to listen to all sides of the issue, and come to consensus," said Baldwin.

"It's really important that we have a quorum every time," said Tobia, noting that the ZBA meets only twice per month. "If meetings stretch on and on like Heron Cove, we have got to have the same board, so snowbirds make it tough. As long as we are consistent."

Tiftt said that, as long as the Town of Marion allows its boards to meet via remote access (Zoom), "That makes it a lot easier." Baldwin agreed, citing the case of a traveling board member available to join a meeting via Zoom. Tiftt told the board he expects that there might be a lot of people, like himself, who would be willing to commit provided they can travel as he frequently does, and use Zoom to attend on those occasions.

Tobia said it is her understanding that Marion boards and committees will continue to meet via Zoom until at least the May 10 Town Meeting, then it will be a decision made by individual boards. "But I like the Zoom meetings, too, they're easy. I have a good reference. If my recording goes awry for some reason, I like it," she said.

Callow cited hybrid meetings, regularly used by some area boards including the Marion Conservation Commission, with anchoring Chairman Shaun Walsh at



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the police station while other members, applicants, and the public can attend via Zoom.

"A snowbird could do it ... if somebody's away, they can still tune in," said Callow. "But it is tough ... they need to commit to two Thursdays a month."

Another sensitive aspect of ZBA member recruiting is the potential for personal agenda on the part of candidates.

"Sometimes, people with irons in the fire, once the iron gets fired their agenda is done and they leave," said Callow, agreeing with Tiff's cautionary remark on the subject. "They have an agenda and once their agenda is either met or they realize their agenda isn't going to (realized), they up and quit."

"I have my biases, but I don't have a financial bias," said Tiff.

"And I think you need someone that cares about the community," said Ryba, whose impending resignation further impacts the board.

Baldwin suggested recruiting past members of the Planning Board, whose experience could prove valuable to a changing ZBA.

Louise Nadler, still listed on the town's website as an alternate member, has not officially resigned but has not contacted Tobia in over a year. Callow's term expires on June 30, 2023. Frangos' term was scheduled to expire on June 20, 2024.

The April 8 meeting's only scheduled public

hearing, the continued Heron Cove, LLC development, was continued per an April 6 letter to the ZBA from attorney Mark Bobrowski. At the applicant's request, the public hearing was continued to June 10 at 6:30 pm.

The next meeting of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for Thursday, April 22, at 6:30 pm.

### FY22 Schools Budgets Discussed

*Mattapoisett Finance Committee*

**By Marilou Newell**

Coming before the Mattapoisett Finance Committee on April 7 were Old Rochester Regional School District Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber and Superintendent Mike Nelson to discuss the FY22 budgets that have been unanimously approved by the school committees.

Barber spoke expansively on the details of the budget and the bottom line. For Center School, the FY22 budget is \$3,041,951, or \$109,585 over FY21, and Old Hammondtown School's FY22 budget is \$2,293,418, or a \$13,500 increase over FY21. For these schools, the all-in number, which includes transportation and other institutional expenses, is \$7,823,908, an increase of \$312,035 over FY21.

The ORRHS FY22 budget is \$7,205,699, an increase of \$109,585 over FY21, and the ORRJHS FY22 budget is \$4,674,923, or \$144,658 over FY21. The all-in number, which includes transportation and central office

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expenses, is \$21,174,638, a 2.423-percent increase over FY21.

FinCom Chairman Pat Donoghue asked about increases to line items covering utility costs, wondering if those had been paid by funding from the CARES Act. Barber said that, given the necessity to run ventilation systems continuously, grant monies had been used but moving forward were no longer available. "Day-to-day operational costs are up." He went to say CARES Act funding, which reimburses municipalities for non-budgeted, pandemic-related expenses, had paid for such materials as masks, HVAC filters, cleaning supplies, and cleaning services. Barber also said that Chromebooks were purchased for remote learning and that more substitute teachers were hired as well. "CARES funding paid for one-time things and didn't pay for staffing," he said.

Donoghue said that each year the schools' budgets went up, "but it doesn't tell me if those increases are warranted." She said that per-pupil costs are 25 percent higher than nearly all other public schools on the south coast or south shore. "Most schools are at \$13,000 (per student), Mattapoisett is at \$18,000." She asked Barber for a per-student breakdown.

Regarding reduced student enrollment, of the 41 students exiting the system, Donoghue asked if those students would be returning when district schools fully reopen later this month. Nelson responded that at this time no one knows. But, as if acknowledging there is a bigger question regarding student enrollment, he said, "We know this needs to be looked at, needs to be examined."

Donoghue dovetailed off Nelson's response, saying, "We tend to gloss over our aging population, but we need data to decide how we are going to spend our dollars."

There was some discussion about ORRHS offering a vocational-type curriculum as an incentive to stay in the system for students seeking certificate courses such as for daycare positions.

Donoghue also asked if the long-awaited capital needs list had been drafted yet. Barber said he had

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forwarded it to Facilities Director Gene Jones but would send one out to the committee. Nelson interjected, "We need to have a high-level discussion about capital needs." Donoghue said, "We need to see the whole list of needs." She said that she was aware that the "field people" (i.e., the committee formed to pursue improvement to the high school playing fields) would be coming back, but in the absence of a complete list of capital needs, that singular item could not be considered.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Finance Committee was not scheduled upon adjournment.

## House Project Sparks Wetland Debate

*Mattapoisett Conservation Commission*

**By Mick Colageo**

Robert Malm's Notice of Intent for the construction of a three-bedroom, single-family home on Aucoot Road was met with fierce opposition during the April 12 meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission via Zoom.

The dispute centered around condition of the 6.3 acres of land.

After the proposal was summarized for the commission by project representative Dave Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone Inc., abutter Julie Craig, 77 Aucoot Road, described herself as a civil engineer formerly with G.A.F. Engineering and questioned the wetland delineation.

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Craig said that in 1993, Robert Hiller, the property's owner at the time, asked G.A.F. to ask if the property was buildable. In overlaying the 1993 wetland delineation line with the site plan presented on Monday night, Craig cited three wetlands flags consistent with 1993 findings but also several others that show new wetlands delineation lines coming away from Aucoot Road, placing the house in the wetlands and its septic system in the buffer zone.

"I strongly disagree with this line," said Craig, who said she is certified in reviewing soils and after gaining permission, went onto the neighboring property. "I dug a hole and that is wetlands soil, I can tell you," she said.

Commission Chairman Mike King cited the work of Brandon Faneuf from Ecosystem Solutions Inc., calling Faneuf "a qualified wetlands scientist" whose work, King said, was reviewed by Mattapoisett Conservation Agent Liz Leidhold and witnessed by ConCom member David Lawrence. Their observations, said King, resulted in pulling the project away from Aucoot Road based on soils.

"As a member of the commission, I have every confidence in the agent as well as Mr. Phaneuf," said King.

Leidhold said the commission's representatives did look at the soil and as a result changed delineation in the area of A8-11. "We did not look at the other property," she said.

"If you extend your line A10, 11, 12, that's not uplands soils. That line is not correct," insisted Craig.

The proposal calls for construction of a single-family home on the southern end of the property within the 100-foot buffer zone. Elevation, Davignon said, is 20.1 feet, while the base-flood elevation is 18 feet. He alluded to an October 2020 wetland line survey and described an onsite septic system with denitrification (a town requirement for properties within 100 feet of the wetland boundary), and a 5:1 slope ratio to alleviate impact. The house is to have a crushed stone driveway that leads into a drive-under garage. The house would be served by municipal water and be built with an erosion control barrier one block high, a utility shed and, upon completion, loam and seeding. Davignon said

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the proposal received a state DEP file number without comments.

Craig also disputed the site plan's omission of a river/stream behind the property, saying it was approximately 200 feet from her stone wall. King said that if the stream is more than 200 feet from the project, it is not jurisdictional for the commission. Davignon suggested overlaying the USGS map that would show the limits of the riverfront "just to put it to bed," but Craig disputed the accuracy of the USGS map used in the presentation.

King said ConCom would take Craig's remarks under advisement and noted that her comments are in the record. "We generally try to encourage that applicants and

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abutters come to an understanding prior to public hearing so we can build a consensus," he said.

Hugh Kelly, 98 Aucoot Road, spoke for himself and family members at 80, 82, 84, and 96 Aucoot Road, urging a redetermination of the wetland delineation and a survey of the stream.

Brad Hathaway, 87 Aucoot Road, said, "Some consideration ought to be given to what's happening to runoff in this town."

Jonathan Craig, 77 Aucoot Road, asked why the overall layout was pushed to the south whereas the north end is higher and dryer. While confirming Jonathan Craig's suspicion that the intent of the plan is to create the ability to split the lot, Davignon said that there are no plans to develop a second lot.

After the case was continued (to April 26) in keeping with the town's policy on newly introduced NOI's, King encouraged all parties to get together in the next two weeks and "work out your differences." He also encouraged the abutters to check Faneuf's credentials and described Leidhold as "a very conservative wetlands scientist."

In separate votes, the commission issued its standard special Order of Conditions for both Cases SE44-1425 and SE44-1426. Both were notices of intent filed by CJC Construction Corporation for the construction of adjacent, single-family homes on Windward Way on Mattapoisett Neck.

The public hearings, continued from March 23, once again drew criticism despite plans improved to add several drainage basins to each lot meant to capture runoff from two, 10, and 25-year storms.

"Mr. (David) Davignon has submitted a very well thought-out, improved plan," summarized King, citing storm surge, more specifically sea surge, as the challenge for the entire area. Noting that several abutters requested the applicant hire a stormwater consultant under Chapter 53G, King said that is not required. "I don't want to set a precedent for that."

Abutter Tim Kelley insisted he can show significant standing water where it was said there is none. He also said that the applicant did not reach out to abutters despite being encouraged to do so by the commission. "Good advice by you and they did not take it up," said Kelley.

King countered that, although not required, the applicant spent a significant amount of money "because of the concerns that were raised by the entire neighborhood. They kind of went above and beyond what we asked them to.... We all have a high degree of confidence in the design plan."

ConCom member Chapman Dickerson agreed with King that the applicant should not be forced into a 53G consulting application. "I wouldn't support anything that costs this owner more, they've already done enough," he said.

King reminded the project's opponents that, if they can appeal the decision to the state Department of Environmental Protection.

In a continued public hearing, N. Douglas Schneider presented updates to Alexander Bauer's NOI at 7 Nashawena Road for reconstruction of a single-family house. Commission members and abutters noted improvements. The case was continued to April 26.

Two other new NOI's were heard and continued to April 26 per town policy, including Barry Sturgis' proposed repair of an existing failed septic system at 34 Meadowbrook Lane and Conrad and Janice Roy's proposal to demolish a fire-damaged house and construct a new home at 56 Ocean Drive.

ConCom voted to issue a Negative 3 Determination in three Request for Determination of Applicability cases. New Rustico LLC at 62 Marion Road can move an existing cooler and expand a deck to 17 feet, 3 inches long by 15 feet wide; John Cornish can replace his existing deck at 18 Tupola Lane; and 9 North Street Realty Trust, c/o Annette Ewing, can demolish an existing house and remove part of a flagstone patio and turn it into lawn. Representing Ewing, Davignon explained that the historic structure once on the property was demolished 20 years ago in favor of the current structure. The intent is to divide the property between two bordering lots in the same family.

Two continued public hearings were continued without discussion, an ANRAD filed by Aaron Halimi

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for property owned by Gerald Randall at Route 195 (to April 26) and a NOI filed by Randall Lane Solar LLC for a proposed solar array at 29 Randall Lane (to May 10).

The commission voted to issue certificates of compliance to Robert B. Hiller II for work at 70 Aucoot Road and to Brian and Betsy Andrade, also listed at 70 Aucoot Road, for completed beach nourishment work. Jay Malaspino, Shagbark Circle, proposed moving his construction slightly farther away from the wetlands, resulting in a minimal change to the plan of record. The case was approved.

In other business, ConCom unanimously approved a request from Buzzards Bay Coalition and the Mattapoisett Land Trust to amend an existing Conservation Restriction to include an additional 8.7-acre parcel acquired in December 2020.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, April 26, at 6:30 pm.

### **Koch Closing in on Pilot Test**

*MRV Water District Commission  
MRV Water Protection Supply Committee  
By Mick Colageo*

Reporting on the status of pilot testing for Koch Separation Systems upgrade of the water treatment plant, Jon Gregory of Tata & Howard told the April 13 meeting of the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission that he was surprised to learn that Koch has received new technology approval prior to the pilot test.

"We thought it was going to be conditional, but it appears from the letter (from the state Department of Environmental Protection) that they have their approval in place," he said.

After working with Koch, Tata & Howard submitted its proposal to the DEP, and Gregory said, "It appears we have met their expectations." He said he contacted Koch on Tuesday morning to discuss logistics and expects Koch could possibly be shipping it to Mattapoisett by the end of the week. "Realistically, early next week," said Gregory, outlining a four-week pilot-testing period that would be followed by a report sent to the DEP. By the time the commission meets in May, Gregory said, the pilot testing program should be well underway.

Commission member Paul Silva asked if the MRV should develop a timeline for all the pieces necessary, noting that there are, at best, two opportunities to get the funding. "Just one miss on that, and it could delay this thing a whole year," he said, suggesting a meeting with the four participating towns' selectmen and finance committees. "One community stumble, and we're sitting here another year waiting; [I'm] just concerned about that."

Chairman Vinnie Furtado, the Fairhaven representative, said that, pending the commission's

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direction, "Do what I can do to get it into my capital plan" upon completion of the pilot study. He said that for Fairhaven, it is a choice between a \$3 million or \$4 million upgrade, "and we pay 60 percent of the bill.... We have to decide how we're going to move forward with this."

The MRV has reached a crossroads in its decision on whether to upgrade to the newest Koch technology or, for less cost, continue maintaining its current setup. The problem with sticking with the old technology is its replacement parts will be phased out.

Furtado said, from a financing standpoint, "This fall or a year from now should be our target." He encouraged the commission to think progressively and not take for granted the job Renauld has done to get



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Renauld said in his Treatment Plant Operations Update that a compressor check valve let go. He also replaced the transducer on a lost compressor, lost a motor on a lower compressor, and replaced a blown gasket that required a chemical cleanup. "Due to age," he said, "if we're looking at these (old) filters, we're going to be doing a lot more valves going forward."

In his Tata & Howard Report, Gregory discussed a risk and resiliency assessment and would send a quality-control report to Renauld and Furtado next week for their review.

With the fiscal year coming to an end and town meetings on the horizon, Gregory said that it is time for the commission to consider FY22 chemical bids. He said that he would start preparing documents over the next couple of weeks and get some bids in by early June. Blair Bailey suggested making sure potential bidders know about their opportunity.

The commission discussed the ongoing herring run, and what Renauld said was a mild drought with rain down 3.5 inches off its normal pace. But he did add that the rivers are running well, and herring are on their way up. Laurell Farinon said the Mattapoissett River is looking low and that Dave Watling reported that herring migration is significantly off.

In her Commission Treasurer's Report, Meghan Davis gave a total figure of \$101,990.37, itemizing \$7,800 in invoices, \$21,001.75 in total electric, \$16,950.37 in total maintenance and repair; and \$6,830.61 in total charges associated with Tata & Howard.

Member emeritus David Pierce asked Vice Chairman Henri Renauld about the commission's solar panel program. Renauld reported that a \$14,199.84 electric bill was reduced to \$11,389 at 80 cents on the dollar in addition to smaller bills. Renauld also reported that wiring is now underground, allowing for fewer interruptions in service and less impact from trees knocked down by storms. "Eversource is going to be taking care of the repairs from now on," he said.

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Davis told the commission that she plans to resign as treasurer but remain a member, citing the impending retirement of David Willett as Marion's DPW director and her expectation of an increased workload. Davis noted that respective Marion and Mattapoisett town administrators Jay McGrail and Mike Lorencio had discussed possibly maintaining an outside bookkeeper; Willett stated that the commission needs to fill the spot.

Willett will stay on with Marion to help see the town through its costly wastewater lagoon project. Furtado said he would put the treasurer's position on the agenda for the commission's next meeting on May 11.

The MRV Water Protection Advisory Committee voted to send a letter approving a Form C subdivision off

Gerrish Road and Longbow Lane in Rochester, pending the vetting processes standard to the town.

The committee's level loggers are apparently running out of life at the same time so, with multiple failures, its members voted to buy three new units at \$592 each.

In his Committee Treasurer's Report, Jeff Furtado reported a net total of \$240,139.41 as of April 1. He listed invoices totaling \$3,893.75, \$3,405.03 of which is from Tata & Howard. The committee voted to pay on three new invoices reported by Vinnie Furtado: \$251.72 to Watling, \$50 to Bailey, and \$5,973.49 to Tata & Howard.

The committee and commission members opened their meetings with a moment of silence to remember engineer Patrick O'Neill, who passed away two weeks ago. "Good guy, sorely, sorely missed," said Vinnie Furtado.

The next meetings of the MRV Water Supply Protection Committee and Water District Commission are respectively scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, at 3:30 and 4:00 pm.

### Route 6 Poses Long-Term Challenge

*Mattapoisett Master Plan Committee*

**By Marilou Newell**

When the Mattapoisett Master Plan Committee reconvened on April 7, its members were challenged in trying to think of ways to improve the movement of people in and around the community. It came as no surprise that the elephant in the virtual room was state Route 6.

Subcommittee member Carole Clifford opened the conversation saying, "Route 6 has always been a problem." She pointed to the travel speeds on the multi-lane roadway and reminded the committee that one solution that had been discussed in other venues was going back to a two-lane road that had been tried in the past. But Clifford also noted that the turning lanes were dangerous.

Member Bob Bergman spoke to the Route 6 study completed by the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District in 2018. He said that no consensus was reached among those attending public meetings on the conceptual designs drafted by SRPEDD. Bergman added that the study included the roadway from

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Fairhaven all the way to Wareham and that, undoubtedly, not one design would work over such a great distance.

The group continued to discuss Route 6 in the abstract with thoughts on what it could look like in the future, including better functionality for economic growth, mixed with fear over the currently posted speed limits and lack of safe areas for pedestrians to cross in spite of posted crosswalks and flashing beacons. They also postulated over how, as a group, they could affect change if they came to a consensus.

Planning Board acting administrator Mike Gagne brought the subject of crossings into better focus when he said that the engineering firm VHB had met with members of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation regarding the placement of a pedestrian crossing light at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Route 6, an idea not favorably received. He continued, saying that Mattapoisett Police Chief Mary Lyons was not in favor of a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Route 6 and River Road for safety reasons. Gagne suggested, instead of looking at Route 6 in its entirety, that the committee pick smaller, more manageable and achievable goals and to develop a prioritized list for the selectmen.

Planning Board member Janice Robbins reminded the committee that the town has an ally in Representative William Straus as a resident of the community and a member of the state Transportation Committee. She said

his assistance in getting changes to Route 6 accepted would be critical.

Attending the meeting from SRPEDD was Jeb Cornock, principal comprehensive planner. Addressing the committee, he said, "Route 6 is an old road. It isn't safe for bicyclists or pedestrians." He said that a 2018 study included the possibility of taking the roadway down to two lanes. Cornock said reducing the lanes is the only way to reduce the posted travel speeds. He also noted that Wareham is implementing some Route 6 changes based on the study at the dangerous intersection of Swifts Beach Road, but he also cautioned, "You need a consensus at the leadership level," before approaching the state. On a positive note, Cornock said that gaining local control over some aspects of a redesign project is possible.

Gagne also shared some hopeful news, saying that the town is in the beginning stages of pursuing a Green Community status and introduced Lizeth Gonzalez, senior comprehensive planner with SRPEDD. Gonzalez said the town has recently taken steps towards applying for more grant monies by expressing interest in a new process called One Stop for Growth. She explained it is a new state program geared toward easing the complicated and time-consuming process of applying for state grants, that this would be 10 grants rolled into one covering everything from housing to economic development.

Planning Board Chairman Tom Tucker expressed frustration that Master Plans do not affect change. "Stuff in the Master Plan get lost over time, nothing gets done," he said. Tucker cited two affordable housing lots that had been previously identified, but no movement to get them into ownership has taken place. "How can we make sure our boards know how a Master Plan works?"

Gagne concurred, saying, "It gets put on a shelf and collects dust, it's sad." He suggested passing a bylaw mandating that the Master Plan be read by all seated board members at least once a year. This, he thought, might help recommendations contained therein see action.

Gagne again urged the committee to take the issues related to Route 6 in small pieces, to sit down with business owners and SRPEDD to draft a list of priorities. Gonzalez said such a list could be incorporated into the Master Plan with milestones and benchmarks that could be updated annually.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Master Plan Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, at 7:00 pm.

## ORR Advances Amended Agreement

*School Committees*

**By Mick Colageo**

The Old Rochester School Committee held a special meeting on April 13 to vote for its approval of the regional agreement amendment proposal that its

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members hope will be on all three town meeting warrants.

The committee took two votes, the first to approve the amended agreement and the second to establish a system for a capital stabilization fund based on a five-year rolling average of enrollment.

The amendments, as summarized by Heather Burke, bring the language up to current law and state standards. Committee member Tina Rood, not present at the meeting, was publicly thanked for her diligence in examining the existing language and studying best practices.

The new model would be based on a three-year rolling average of enrollment, meant to smooth the budgeting process for the individual towns and avoid massive budgetary hits in any single year. Terms for elected committee members would start on July 1 rather than at the time of their election. Section 1G of Massachusetts General Law also leveraged a change to the "one person, one vote" model in which voting power for each town's representation will reflect that town's relative population.

Marion and Rochester school committees also met during the last week, both voting to approve their Fiscal Year 2022 school budgets during their respective April 7 and April 8 public hearings.

Marion's \$6,456,815 assessed based operating budget for FY22 is a \$155,648 increase (2.47 percent) over the FY21 figure of \$6,301,167.

## BIRD BATHS



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Rochester's \$6,798,275 assessed based operating budget for FY22 is a \$188,444 increase (2.851 percent) over the FY21 figure of \$6,609,831.

Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber laid out presentations for both towns displaying total operations budgets, financial offsets including grant funding and circuit breakers, impacts (staffing changes), strategies (foundation, necessities, and commitments), tuition-based programming cost increases, and decreases (building usage, technology, and supplies).

Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson said that ORR made use of building opportunities and CARES Act funding to produce a "modified level-services" budget for

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FY22.

Taking advantage of decreases of approximately \$5,000 to each of Marion's three school building investments along with technology and supplies, plus a retirement from the teacher's union and another from the administration/paraprofessional union, Nelson said that Marion made FY22 gains, including advancement from a 0.2 to 0.6 social worker. He also reported that a majority of Marion's school contract agreements expire on June 30, 2021. State aid (Chapter 70) to Marion will increase by \$12,000 in FY22.

In Rochester, one of the budget impacts is a full-time educational interventionist, an addition conceived in discussions with RMS Principal Derek Medeiros and approved by the Rochester School Committee. All of Rochester's union contracts also expire in 2021; there will be two retirements from the teachers union and a resignation from the paraprofessional union. State aid (Chapter 70) to Rochester will increase by \$14,490 in FY22.

Both Marion and Rochester school committees voted for the Memorandum of Approval (MOA) with their teachers' unions.

Rochester Capital Planning Chairman David Arancio presented to the Rochester School Committee on the Capital Planning Committee's activity. Arancio shared a presentation showing FY20 projects, including Go Math Curriculum (\$30,773) and Video Surveillance Upgrade (\$86,817, ultimately funded another way) and FY21 projects, including 2nd Phase Technology Upgrade (\$26,776) and HVAC Unit Replacement (\$16,800).

FY22 projects displayed by Arancio included: Replacement of 2015 Laptops/Devices (\$15,480), Building Alarm System (\$12,550), and Irrigation for Playing Field

(\$38,500) for a total of \$66,530.

It is a festive time in the elementary schools, where grades 3-6, as recently as April 5, resumed full in-person learning at a modified 3-6 foot social distancing model with all desks facing the same direction. Social distancing is still 6 feet for faculty and staff and mealtime, and everyone in the school buildings is still wearing a facemask.

Social distancing for K-2 at Rochester Memorial School remains at 6 feet. Medeiros reported a question-answer session on March 29 with feedback from parents and guardians. "Folks brought up some great points to us in areas of concern for us to think about so this week could be successful.... An outstanding job by our students and families," he said. The in-person pivot has 67 third graders at RMS, 56 fourth graders, 70 fifth graders, and 62 sixth graders. The pivot to full in-person learning led to 49 students shifting back to busing over private rides. Medeiros thanked the Rochester Police for assistance in managing arrival and dismissal.

Sippican School Principal Marla Sirois reported that the cafeteria has 54 desks at 6 feet apart for Grades K-3, while 80 desks are situated in the Multipurpose Room for Grade 4-6. Arrival/Dismissal is the same as it was during the hybrid segment of the school year, and buses are back using the loop behind the school. Band is back in session, as the first graders have been relocated. "The kids are really doing a really fantastic job with the social distancing," said Sirois, who noted that all singing is outside the school building.

Nelson presented the outline of the district's 2021-22 academic calendar. No vote was taken; the Joint School Committee will vote on the calendar. That committee's

## OBITUARIES



**Michael R. Bowers**, 55, a lifelong resident of Fairhaven, passed away unexpectedly Monday, April 5, 2021. Born in New Bedford, he was the son of Joseph T. Bowers of Fairhaven and the late Cecile M. (Gauvin) Bowers.

Michael attended New Bedford Vocational Technical High School and is a Veteran of the US Navy, serving in the submarine service on the USS Phoenix during the 1980's. He worked as a Journeyman Electrician and was a member of the IBEW Local #223.

He loved spending time with his family, his many close friends, and especially his two granddaughters who brought him so much joy.

Michael is survived by his father; a son, Michael R. Bowers, Jr. of Fairhaven; his two granddaughters, Mackenzie and Abigail; two sisters, Catherine Francazio and her husband

David of Tiverton, RI and Theresa Bowers of Fairhaven; two brothers, Steven Bowers and his wife Hollis of St. Croix and Joseph T. Bowers, Jr. and his wife Nancy of Ft. Meyers, FL; and many nieces and nephews.

In accordance with his wishes he will be cremated and memorial calling hours will be held Friday, April 16, 2021 from 4-7pm in the Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main St., Fairhaven. A graveside service will be held Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 10am in Riverside Cemetery, Fairhaven. For memorial register or facility directions please visit, [www.hathawayfunerals.com](http://www.hathawayfunerals.com).

In lieu of flowers a donation may be made in Michael's name to the Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516.

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As proposed, the first day of school will be August 31 with a November 24-26 Thanksgiving break, early dismissal on December 23 with vacation through December 31, and an April 15-22 vacation week. June 16 would be the last day of school (five days are built-in for weather), and the Juneteenth state holiday would fall on June 20 should ORR schools still be in session.

Craig Davidson, director of student services, presented the results of an Equity & Inclusion Survey, in which Grade 6-12 students took part focusing on cultural awareness and action. "When we did the survey, hearing the students' voices was the most important part," said Davidson.

Nelson stressed that ORR School District's commitment is ongoing. "Last year, what I heard is we really need data," he said, saying that the district is now in the middle of the process and looping in cultural-proficiency teams "to make sure we have buy-in.... This is a multi-year process that we're committed to."

Nelson said the goal is to "make sure curriculum is representing a balanced story," to "make sure (ORR) students enter the world with a global (outlook)," and to create ongoing opportunities for the students to continue learning.

Both Marion and Rochester school committees voted to renew Nelson's appointment as the committees' designee to the READS Collaborative.

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7:30 AM Health Source  
8:00 AM Health Expert  
8:30 AM Recovery Fitness  
9:00 AM Tae Kwon Do  
9:30 AM Lucy's World of Painting  
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:03 AM Wellness Wednesday  
11:30 AM Off the Shelf  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM New England Cooks  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM The Chundria Show  
2:00 PM Learning Music with Pat  
2:30 PM This is America & The World  
3:00 PM Southcoast Matters  
4:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
4:33 PM The Non-Profit World  
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM A Conversation With...  
7:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV  
7:30 PM Reeling Movie Review  
8:00 PM Registers Report  
8:30 PM Money Matters TV  
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk  
10:00 PM Talking Trek  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday April 16, 2021

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move  
8:00 AM Health Source  
8:30 AM Tae Kwon Do  
9:00 AM Mattapoisett Library - Peregrine White  
10:06 AM The Art of Being Human  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Cape Conversation  
11:38 AM Glass Studio on Cape Cod  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM New England Cooks  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM The Chundria Show  
2:00 PM Wellness Wednesday  
2:30 PM ORRHs Varsity Football vs Dighton Rehoboth - March 27, 2021  
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - George Pina  
7:30 PM In the Toy Box

8:00 PM This is America & The World  
8:30 PM Inspiring Careers  
9:00 PM Ed Markey - Restaurant & Bar Relief  
9:45 PM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday April 17, 2021

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoons  
9:00 AM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
10:00 AM Mattapoisett Library Story Time with Miss Chris  
10:18 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Southcoast Matters  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM Grumpy Old Men Cooking  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM The Chundria Show  
2:00 PM Learning Music with Pat  
2:30 PM This is America & The World  
3:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV  
3:30 PM From Ireland to America - Irish Music  
4:43 PM Glass Studio on Cape Cod  
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Rick DaSilva  
7:30 PM A Conversation With...  
8:00 PM Off the Shelf  
8:30 PM Money Matters TV  
9:00 PM Registers Report  
9:30 PM IA Celtics Preview  
10:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday April 18, 2021

6:00 AM Veterans Voice  
6:40 AM Health Source  
7:16 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
7:30 AM The Art of Being Human  
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
8:30 AM Wellness Wednesday  
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester  
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion  
11:00 AM Cape Conversation  
11:37 AM Glass Studio on Cape Cod  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM Grumpy Old Men Cooking  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM The Chundria Show

2:00 PM Southcoast Matters  
3:00 PM Learning Music with Pat  
3:30 PM Lucy's World of Painting  
4:00 PM Stop My Crisis  
4:30 PM Recovery Recreation TV  
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Off the Shelf  
7:00 PM Registers Report  
7:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
8:00 PM Money Matters TV  
8:30 PM Reeling Movie Review  
9:00 PM IA Celtics Preview  
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Monday April 19, 2021

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move  
8:00 AM Health Source  
8:30 AM Timing is Everything  
9:00 AM Health Expert  
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do  
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Lucy's World of Painting  
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM The Chundria Show  
2:00 PM Learning Music with Pat  
2:30 PM This is America & The World  
3:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV  
3:30 PM Beacon Hill Report - Tony Cabral  
4:03 PM Glass Studio on Cape Cod  
4:30 PM A Cranberry Harvest  
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Ron & Demi Barros  
7:38 PM Inspiring Careers  
8:00 PM Registers Report  
8:30 PM Reeling Movie Review  
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday April 20, 2021

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move  
8:00 AM Health Expert  
8:30 AM Recovery Fitness  
9:00 AM Tae Kwon Do  
9:30 AM Wellness Wednesday  
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human

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Wednesday April 21, 2021

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Health Source  
8:00 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities  
9:00 AM You and Your Health  
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do  
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
11:30 AM A Cranberry Harvest  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM The Chundria Show  
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters  
3:00 PM Inspiring Careers  
3:30 PM Help and Hope Southcoast  
4:00 PM In the Toy Box  
4:30 PM Off the Shelf  
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - George Pina  
7:30 PM Registers Report  
8:00 PM Reeling Movie Review  
8:30 PM Science 360  
9:00 PM Gay USA  
10:00 PM Suicide Prevention in Massachusetts  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

## MARION

### GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 95

### Verizon Channel 39

### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion School Committee - April 7, 2021  
8:20 AM Marion Board of Selectman - April 6, 2021  
9:30 AM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission - March 25, 2021  
10:08 AM Marion Planning Board - April 6, 2021  
12:00 PM Marion Water & Sewer Commissioners - March 25, 2021  
1:06 PM Marion Board of Health - April 6, 2021  
2:00 PM ORR School Committee - March 24, 2021  
3:39 PM Marion Conservation Commission - March 24, 2021  
5:30 PM Marion Finance Committee - March 24, 2021  
7:00 PM Marion School Committee - April 7, 2021  
8:21 PM Marion Board of Selectman - April 6, 2021  
9:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission - March 25, 2021  
10:08 PM Marion Planning Board - April 6, 2021

### ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 95

### Verizon Channel 40

### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester School Committee - April 8, 2021  
9:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission - April 6, 2021  
10:30 AM Rochester Board of Selectman - April 8, 2021  
10:43 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - March 25, 2021  
11:30 AM Rochester Planning Board - March 23, 2021  
12:00 PM ORR School Committee - March 24, 2021  
1:39 PM Marion-Rochester Regional Health - March 16, 2021  
2:00 PM Rochester School Committee - April 8, 2021  
4:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - April 6, 2021  
5:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - April 6, 2021  
5:43 PM Rochester Zoning Board of

Appeals - March 25, 2021

6:30 PM Rochester Planning Board - March 23, 2021  
7:00 PM ORR School Committee - March 24, 2021  
8:39 PM Marion-Rochester Regional Health - March 16, 2021  
9:00 PM Rochester School Committee - April 8, 2021  
11:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - April 6, 2021

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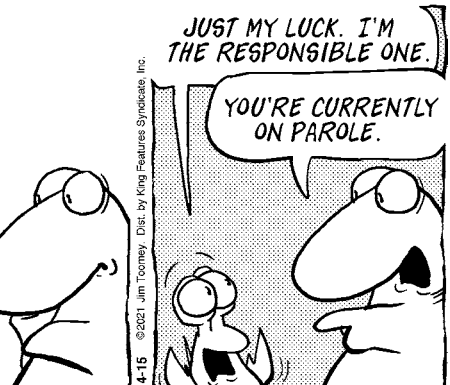
### Comcast Channel 97

### Verizon Channel 37

### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
7:30 AM Marion COA Meditation - April 6, 2021  
8:30 AM Mattapoisett Library Storytime with Miss Chris  
8:48 AM OnStage - Return to Broadway  
9:30 AM ORR Varsity Boys Soccer vs Seekonk - March 25, 2021  
11:00 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - George Pina  
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
12:30 PM Artist Interview - Thomas H. Lynch  
1:00 PM Sundog Organ Trio at The Marion Art Center  
2:13 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Ron & Demi Barros  
3:30 PM ORR Varsity Boys Soccer vs Somerset Berkley - April 6, 2021  
5:00 PM ORR Varsity Volleyball vs Case - March 30, 2021  
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
6:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - George Pina  
7:30 PM Sundog Organ Trio at The Marion Art Center  
8:43 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Ron & Demi Barros  
10:00 PM ORR Varsity Football vs Dighton Rehoboth - March 27, 2021  
**MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT**  
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Nelson told the Rochester School Committee that, pending approval at the town level, the purchase of a tent would allow RMS students to take mask breaks in inclement weather. Rochester School Committee put off its scheduled reorganization discussion until its May 6 meeting.

The next ORR School Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, at 6:30 pm. The next Marion School Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, at 6:30 pm. The next Rochester School Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, at 6:30 pm.

### Old Colony Freshman Earns First Win

*Sports Roundup*  
By Nick Friar

**Breanna Arruda's** performance in net against Diman Voke on April 6 has been the highlight of Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical's girls soccer season to this point. The freshman goalkeeper saved each of the 11 shots on goal the Bengals fired her way to deliver the Cougars their first win of the season and the first shutout of Arruda's varsity career.

**Averi Oliveira** was Old Colony's lone goal scorer in the win, getting help from **Kaitlyn Pimental** to give the Cougars the advantage in the hard-fought 1-0 win.

The two Mayflower Athletic Conference schools would face off again on April 8, resulting in another 1-0

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final. However, the Bengals got the better of the Cougars in that one. Old Colony also lost (2-0) to Bristol-Plymouth on April 10, dropping to 1-4 on the season. Following a rematch between the Cougars and Craftsmen on Tuesday, Old Colony visits Bishop Connolly on Thursday, April 15, at 3:00 pm.

### Old Rochester Regional Football

Apponequet remains undefeated after visiting the Bulldogs on Friday. ORR was unable to find the end zone once, dropping to 1-2 on the season after the 21-0 loss.

**Stephen Arne** led the Bulldogs in rushing with 32 yards on 10 attempts. **Ryan Thomas** threw for 164 yards on 12-for-19 passing, but he also had three interceptions.

ORR's game against Case, which was originally

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# MOVIE REVIEW

## American Dream

By Rob Gonsalves  
[www.robsmovievault.com](http://www.robsmovievault.com)

**Minari.** Starring Steven Yeun and Youn Yuh-jung. Directed by Lee Isaac Chung. Running time: 115 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Playing in select theaters and streaming on demand.

*Minari* is a modest film about big things — ambition, family, immigration and assimilation. It's based loosely on writer-director Lee Isaac Chung's experiences in a South Korean family living in rural America. In 1983, Jacob Yi (Steven Yeun) brings his wife Monica (Han Ye-ri) and two kids, and all their belongings, to what looks like a godforsaken five acres of Arkansas land, with a forlorn trailer sitting atop the dry grass. Monica hates the place on sight; Jacob hopes to raise a farm here, and one day have fifty acres. I'm not sure we understand Jacob's life choice any more than Monica does, but it's his dream, so we go with it, hoping for the best.

Jacob sees what others don't: the soil is actually a rich color that tells him it may yield the crop of his fantasies. He hopes to grow all Korean fruits and vegetables, and sell them to fellow Korean transplants. In brief, Jacob has a foot in each world; he has the gumption of a dust-bowl American but seeks to bring some of his home country into his adopted country. Monica would rather go back to the city, or at least back to California, where Steven was a top chicken sexer. Which is how the Yis keep the lights on in Arkansas until the crops come in.

Monica decides to bring her own home to this new place — her mother Soon-ja (Youn Yuh-jung), who watches the kids but doesn't act enough like a grandma for the liking of the youngest child David. (As probably the director's avatar, David gets a lot of screen time without necessarily seeming like the central character — it's really an ensemble piece — and he has a sister Anne, who it's easy to forget exists.) *Minari* is appealing, though short on moviemaking electricity; it's quietly pictorial, satisfying — along with fellow Best Picture nominee *Nomadland* — our desire to see America as a big broad land with endless pockets of beauty.

Jacob and Monica go at each other quite a lot, the eternal clash of the pragmatic wife and the dreamer husband. Even so, the film is good-natured; even a couple of blinkered white kids who encounter David and Anne just blurt out highly inappropriate-even-in-1983 questions ("Why is your face so flat?") not out of malice but just out of blunt curiosity. David gets a sleepover with his new friend; if Anne does, we don't see it. Anyway, even



the film's Americans who initially set off our radar turn out okay — like ol' Paul (Will Patton), who invokes Jesus constantly, speaks in tongues, and hauls a life-size cross around a dirt road as "his church." Refreshingly, Paul stays a loyal farmhand to Jacob, and doesn't turn out to be a villain. The Yis don't encounter much racism that we can see. *Minari* isn't about that; it centers on how hard it is for a foreigner to follow the American dream, how remarkable it is when they can find any kind of success.

We are all, of course, foreigners here if we go back far enough, unless we have indigenous lineage. But Chung doesn't make the mistake of saying we're all the same under the skin. These are closely specific characters. Soon-ja, for instance, seems like a whole and authentic person with quirks and preferences. She isn't ennobled, though; Chung sees her fondly but not sentimentally. Whatever way you might expect her to be drawn — strict, disapproving, old-school, secretly soft-hearted, the usual clichés — Yeun Yuh-jung steers clear of it. Her Soon-ja seems more easygoing than her daughter; she'd be a good grandma to have, cussing and teaching you card games and getting a little too involved in TV wrestling. Yet the performance is subtle, not an example of the life force, or "when I am an old woman I shall wear purple," or any of that.

Chung avoids the trap of turning his experience into an omnibus of tropes. Toxic as this concept seems now, when Jacob and Monica argue, we can legitimately see both sides. Neither one is judged for their flaws or blind spots. *Minari* is named after an edible plant that grows wild; Soon-ja, perhaps out of solidarity with Jacob, plants some minari seeds at a nearby stream. Much is made of water in the film, the need for it, the lack of it, and finally an event that demands it. We could put on our professor hats and note the symbolism and subtext, but that doesn't seem like an organic way to respond to a slice-of-life story whose teller wants to pay respects to his parents and grandma, who weren't larger than life, just people playing the hand they were dealt — or dealt themselves.

scheduled for Friday, April 16, has been canceled. The Bulldogs do not play again until April 23.

#### Old Colony Football

The Cougars are finally back in action on Friday after a two-week layoff — which was the result of their scheduled opponent, Diman Voke, going into quarantine. In search of its first win of the Fall II season, Old Colony will visit Cape Cod Tech at 4:00 pm on Friday, April 16.

#### Old Rochester Regional Boys Soccer

Going into Monday's contest against Old Rochester, Dighton-Rehoboth boys soccer had gone unbeaten in the Fall II season. The Bulldogs entered the meeting 3-1-1 so they weren't about to roll over against the Falcons. Neither defense gave an inch, resulting in a 0-0 tie. The shutout was **Evan O'Brien-Nichols'** second in as many games.

Old Rochester gets back to work on Thursday, April 15, at home when they host Bourne at 3:45 pm.

#### Old Rochester Regional Golf

Led by **Christian Noble Shriver**, who shot a 40 in ORR's season opener, the Bulldogs knocked off Seekonk 269-304 on April 8 to kick off their Fall II season. **Markus Pierre** and **Philip le Gassick** each shot a 41 to help ORR get off to a 1-0 start.

After a Tuesday match at Touisset Country Club against Case on Tuesday, Old Rochester hosts Somerset Berkley at 3:45 pm on Wednesday, April 14. The Cougars then have their third match of the week on Thursday, April 15, when they visit Apponequet at 3:45 pm.

#### Old Colony Golf

**Luke Butler** and **Brady Weglowski** continue to lead the Cougars out of the top two spots. The two have won all three of their available points in each of Old Colony's last two matches, resulting in a 6-3 win against Blue Hills on April 8 and a 9-0 against Southeastern on April 12.

**Ty Dumas**, **Michael Niemi**, **Derek Fortunato**, and **Will Harrop** have also each played well throughout Old Colony's 3-0 start to the season.

The Cougars play Southeastern again on Wednesday, April 14, before visiting Tri-County on Thursday, April 15, at 3:45 pm.

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Monday, **April 19**: No Meals Served – Patriot's Day;  
Tuesday, **April 20**: Barber chicken cordon bleu, roasted potatoes, peas & mushrooms, multigrain roll, Mandarin oranges;  
Wednesday, **April 21**: Meatloaf w/ rosemary gravy, whipped sweet potatoes, Jardiniere blend, oatmeal bread, fresh apple;  
Thursday, **April 22**: Turkey Divan w/ broccoli, bow tie pasta, whole wheat roll, hermit cookie, diet: graham wafer;  
Friday, **April 23**: Potato pollock w/ tartar sauce, au gratin potatoes, multigrain bread, pineapple

#### Clothes Fundraiser

The Old Colony High School PTO Clothes will host a Fundraiser on **April 24** from 9:00 am –12:00 pm at the Old Colony High School. Please drop off your unwanted clothes and linens in black garbage bags to the school on that day and time. Cash donations also accepted



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## MARION

### Log highlights April 4-April 10

- Point Rd - Trespassing
- Mill St - Officer wanted
- Rezendes Ter - A&B/past
- North Dr - Animal complaint
- Spring St - Officer wanted
- South St - EMS/medical
- Allen St - Animal complaint
- West Ave - Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd - Fraud
- Field Stone Ln - Suspicious person
- Wareham Rd - Health/welfare
- Delano Rd - Follow up
- Spring St - Officer wanted
- Allen St - EMS/medical
- Main St - EMS/medical
- Mill St - MV stop/arrest
- Delano Rd - General offense
- Mill St - Suspicious MV
- Wareham Rd - MV collision
- Front St - General offense
- Spring St - MV stop/citation
- Point Rd - Animal control
- Piney Point Rd - Officer wanted
- Front St - Officer wanted
- Wilson Ave - Officer wanted
- Mill St - Health/welfare
- I195 East - MV collision
- Cottage St - Officer wanted
- County Rd - Health/welfare

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights April 4-April 10

- Brandt Island Rd - Health/welfare
- Holly Woods Rd - Suspicious MV
- County Rd - Animal control
- Harbor HB Rd - Animal control
- Cove St - animal control
- County Rd - Follow up
- County Rd - 911 call
- Neds Point Rd - Structure fire
- Marion Rd - Suspicious MV
- Fairhaven Rd - Suspicious MV
- County Rd - Health/welfare
- County Rd - Vandalism
- Chapel Rd - Suspicious persons
- County Rd - Restraining order
- Homestead Ct - Health/welfare
- Goodspeed Isl - Property check
- Fairhaven Rd - MV violations
- Marion Rd - Disturbance
- County Rd - 911 call
- County Rd - 911 abandoned
- Marion Rd - MV violations
- Goodspeed Isl - Property check
- North St - Notification
- North St - MV crash
- Park St - Health/welfare
- Beach Rd - No trespass order
- Perry Ave - Assist citizen
- Marion Rd - Disturbance
- Ocean Dr - Follow up investigation

## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights April 4-April 10

- Edwards Ln - Well being check
- Old Middleboro Rd - Animal control
- County Rd - MV stop/citation
- Vaughn Hill Rd - MV collision
- Ryder Rd - Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy - 911 call
- Braley Hill Rd - MV stop/citation
- Bowens Ln - Assist other agency
- Boxturtle Dr - Disturbance
- Mattapoisett Rd - Medical
- Cranberry Hwy - 911 call
- Snipatuit Rd - Fraud
- Sarah Sherman Rd - MV collision
- Dexter Ln - Harassment
- Dexter Ln - Medical
- North Ave - Fraud
- County Rd - Animal control
- Marys Pond Rd - Suspicious activity
- North Ave - MV stop/citation
- Marys Pond Rd - Hazmat spill
- Neck Rd - Medical
- Robinson Rd - Medical
- Hartley Rd - Suspicious activity
- Pine St - Traffic control
- Dr Braley Rd - 911 call
- Rounseville Rd - 911 call
- Springwood Dr - Fraud
- Snows Pond Rd - Medical
- New Bedford Rd - MV collision

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit [www.Wanderer.com](http://www.Wanderer.com).

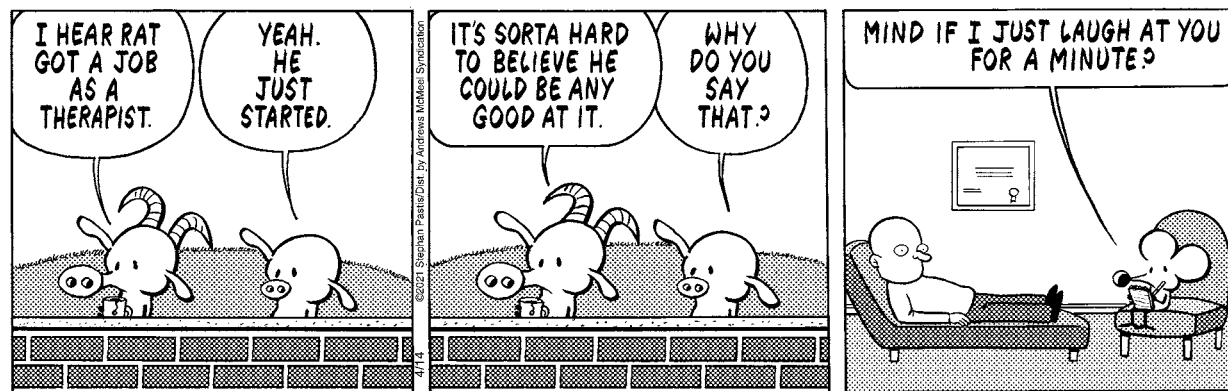
## SHERMAN'S LAGOON

by J.P. Toomey



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by Stephan Pastis





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### Mattapoisett Library's Puppet Show on ZOOM

During April Vacation week, join Leigh Baltzer on Zoom for a puppet show on Tuesday, **April 20**, at 11:30 am.

Through Me To You Puppetry invites you to join Newton and his puppet friends for some storytime fun! Newton and his friends take turns reading stories and singing songs with the kids. At the end of the show, the kids are invited to "unmute" and say hi to Newton. Our half-hour Zoom show is geared to ages 3-6, but all are welcome!

Sign up now on our online events calendar at [www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=MATTAP](http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=MATTAP) and we'll send you the Zoom code.

Visit our website at [mattapoisettlibrary.org/Pages/Index/182781/programs-for-children](http://mattapoisettlibrary.org/Pages/Index/182781/programs-for-children) and check out our many take home kits or sign up for Miss Chris's Virtual Story Time on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am.

### The Trail Tale

The Plumb Library and Rochester Land Trust are collaborating to offer a free spring activity for families. The Trail Tale at the George and Catherine Church Wildlife Conservation Area takes you on a half-mile walk through the woods as you follow the story of "The Gruffalo," by Julia Donaldson, a popular children's book about a mouse and his friend. Extend this experience with an outdoor activity at the Plumb Library. The Trail Tale and activity at the library will be available **April 15 – May 6**.

The 20-acre Church Wildlife Conservation Area is centrally located on 193 Marion Road (Route 105) near the center of town and its half-mile, easy walking trail is perfect for young children. This property is a pine forest in transition, with selective trees cut in the past few years to make way for new, healthy trees. While the forest is in transition, visitors will find many nooks and crannies from fallen trees that provide homes for animals.



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*Jerry Baker shared this picture of a pair of swans in water off Munro Park.*



*The Mattapoisett Land Trust donated equipment to outfit an Outdoor Classroom, including a whiteboard and 24 colorful stools delivered to Old Hammondtown School by the Education Committee. Grade 5 students are working with Ben Squire, ORR District science coordinator, on an ongoing science compost project that analyzes the conditions needed for composting. The students have five pumpkins in different locations since last October and were looking at them for the first time last week. Photos courtesy of Ellen P. Flynn*

**These photos and more are available online at [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com)**



The Plumb Library, located a mile from the Conservation Area, has beautiful grounds for families to explore while they follow instructions for a seek-and-find scavenger hunt. The first 20 families to complete both activities will receive a special prize!

This opportunity is a great way to enjoy nature and reading with your family this spring. The Rochester Land Trust is an all-volunteer organization that owns and manages six properties open to the public for passive recreation across town. For more places to walk, visit [RochesterLandTrust.org](http://RochesterLandTrust.org).

Per public health guidelines, please practice 6 feet social distancing and wear masks. The trail takes you through the woods. Please wear appropriate clothes, footwear, and tick prevention.

As of April 12, Plumb Library no longer requires an appointment to browse for books. Appointments are still required for computer use. Contact the library at 508-763-8600 with any questions.

### Marion Natural History Museum

The Marion Natural History Museum will have open hours Wednesday, **April 21**, from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm, and Friday, **April 23**, from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm. If you'd like to schedule time on the virtual reality set during these times, please contact the director at [Director@marionmuseum.org](mailto:Director@marionmuseum.org). Masks and social distancing will be required. Space is limited to observe COVID-19 protocols.

If you'd like to sign up for our upcoming after-school programs, please go to [marionmuseum.org](http://marionmuseum.org) and submit registration with payment to hold a space.

### From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

There are no doubt many differences between our Rochester and the other American Rochesters, like the ones in Iowa, Kentucky, and Missouri, to name a few. One difference that comes to mind is the iconic New England stone wall.

In Rochester, we are fortunate to have an

abundance of them. Driving around town they can be spotted on New Bedford, Vaughan Hill, Mendell,

and Rounseville Roads, as well as many others. These are stone walls that separate homes from the street, divide fields, and create boundaries. Some walls show their age, while others are of newer construction, and still others are mostly the scattered remnants of past walls. The oft repeated reason for the stone walls found throughout New England is that farmers had to find something to do with the plentiful rocks that appeared as they carved fields out of their land. Probably Rochester's most planned and extensive stone walls are at Eastover Farm on Mary's Pond Road.

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land from previous owners – Handy, Haskell, Basset, Hammond, and King. Upon their father's death, Charles and Theodore Leonard, already successful businessmen, inherited the property. Theodore took care of the Rochester business interests and lived on the south side of Mary's Pond Road. Charles was established as the New York connection for the family's businesses, which included whale oil trade, oil refining, and candle making. Also, through his connection with his father-in-law, he participated in several commercial ventures and was a part owner of some whaleships. In 1853, Charles and Elizabeth, his wife, began the transformation of Eastover from a rural enclave to a gentleman's estate.

As part of this transformation, Charles commissioned long stretches of stone walls to be built. Their purpose was to outline and break up the land. He hired a master mason, Isaiah Smith of New Bedford, who along with six local workmen, among them J.S. Ryder, Abram Parlow, Rufus Savery, Elisha Nye, and Alphas Bishop, constructed the two miles of wall. At a height of five feet and a thickness of two feet, the wall took over 1,000 days to complete. L.C. Humphrey, in his memoirs, wrote that the boulders used came from the farm itself. They were spilt, and every block carefully squared, and the entire wall was faced. No mortar was used in the building of the wall, which cost \$60,000.

Stone walls in Massachusetts are protected by law. Specifically, General Law Part IV, Title I, Ch. 266, Sec. 105 speaks to the unauthorized removal of stone walls. In short, anyone who willfully or without right pulls down or removes any portion of a stone wall will be fined. Like many historic sites, stone walls are an endangered species. While many street-facing walls are protected by being on town-owned land, not every new homeowner is aware of this. Some towns have bylaws to protect their walls. In Rochester the town relies on an owner's respect for history. Unfortunately, as he wrote in his poem, "Mending Wall," by Robert Frost: "Something there is that doesn't love a wall," so we must all do our part to protect them.

### **Mattapoissett Land Trust**

The Mattapoissett Land Trust Education Committee has new and updated family activities such as story walks and scavenger hunts ready and waiting for your participation at MLT properties.

On the Bowman Road "Grace Pond" property, you will find a new installation of Kate Butler's ORR Visual Design art students' work that corresponds with the "Monarch and the Milkweed," by Helen Frost and Leonid Gore story walk. The walk is alongside a beautiful wildflower meadow where milkweed grows.

All family activities will teach you about many of our Mattapoissett Land Trust Properties. Visit [mattlandtrust.org](http://mattlandtrust.org) to obtain trail maps for hikes. And watch for our 'Staycation' banner at the (Dexter) Tub Mill property off Route 6!

### **April Programs at Plumb Library**

Reserve a craft takeaway bag of ingredients you will need to make a seed bomb for Earth Day! Instructions will be included, but participants should watch the video on the library's CreativeBug online service. To view the video, make sure your library card starts with 23548. If it starts with other numbers, call the library for assistance. Each takeaway bag will include 4 ounces of Paper Clay (dries in the sun); 1 ounce of potting soil; 1 packet of seeds; plastic knife; instructions, and link to the video. Participants will need to provide an apron or some sort of covering; tray, newspaper, or a surface to work with the clay and soil; rolling pin (optional). Reserve a bag on the Event Calendar found on [www.plumblibrary.com](http://www.plumblibrary.com). Limit of 10-12 bags will be available. Pickup from **April 15 – April 22**. This program is supported by the Friends of Plumb Library.

Plumb Library is offering April school vacation programs, like Outdoor Family Yoga. Join Beth McLacklan at the library on Wednesday, **April 21**, at 10:30 am for a spring-themed family yoga class outside (near the ramp). Please sign up to participate with your child(ren) ages 3 and up. Register on the Event Calendar. Together with Ms. Beth you will plant some yoga seeds for a little spring renewal! Bring your own mats, beach towels, or blankets, as well as water and sunscreen. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited to 10 families – one family per spot, please. Upon registering, please indicate



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# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) It isn't always easy for the rambunctious Aries to give a second thought to their often spur-of-the-moment choices. But aspects favor rechecking a decision before declaring it final.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Information emerges for the business-driven Bovine who feels ready to restart a stalled project. Be prepared to make adjustments as needed at any time during the process.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Part of you wants to complete plans for an upcoming event, while your other self wants to see how things develop first. Compromise by moving ahead with your plans while being open to change.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) An unexpected change in a relationship could open up a problem or could lead to a much-needed and too-long-delayed reassessment of a number of matters. The choice is yours to make.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Time for the Lion to total the plusses and minuses resulting from recent personal and/or professional decisions. See what worked, what didn't and why, and base your next big move on the results.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) The clever Virgo can make persuasion work by presenting a case built on hard facts. Sentiment might touch the heart, but it's good, solid information that invariably wins the day.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You usually can win over the most stubborn skeptics on your own. But this time you can benefit from supporters who have been there, done that and are willing to speak up on your behalf.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You win admiration for your determination to do the right thing. Don't be distracted from that course, despite the offer of tempting alternatives that might suddenly turn up.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) While you still need to maintain control of a dominant situation, a new development emerges, making the task easier and the outcome potentially more rewarding.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) New factors might have a positive effect on a still-pending matter, but only if the information proves to be credible. Trusted colleagues might be able to offer needed advice.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) The week favors moderation, especially if a health problem is involved. Resist the impulse to do more than might be good for you at this time. You can catch up later.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You could feel more than a mite upset by someone or some people who might be creating problems for you. Find out why they won't change their ways. Their reasons might surprise you.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You know how to inspire others to do their best by setting a persuasive example of your own.

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how many family members will be participating so we meet social distancing regulations. Masks are required for anyone over the age of 5. Masks are encouraged for ages 2-5. Rain date is on Friday, April 23, at 10:30 am.

This program is free to families, thanks to the Friends of Plumb Library. Donations to support the Friends are gratefully welcomed!

Come to Backyard Band Jam with Ms. Rhonda! Welcome back to Plumb, Ms. Rhonda (Matson)! Register now for some outdoor physically distanced FAMILY music-making fun! At a Backyard Band Jam, families engage in musical play with traditional children's songs, sing-along storybooks, props, and instruments. Remaining physically distanced, we sing together, move and groove together, and, of course, jam out together! This jam will include many animal tunes as a preview to the summer program theme of Tails and Tales! This event will take place on Thursday, **April 22**, 1:30 pm – 2:15 pm with another jam scheduled for Saturday, **April 24**, at 11:00 am. Backyard Band Jams are best suited for children up to age 9, but all are welcome! Registration is limited to 10 families – one family per spot, please. Register on the Event Calendar.

Please bring along something to shake – anything from a box of mac & cheese to actual egg shakers. A scarf kind of thing – facecloth, dishcloth, etc... And a collection of instruments, anything that's a "real" instrument or ones made from the recycling bin or kitchen cabinets. All that is really required is a willingness to play musically! Jams will be held weather permitting. Rain dates may be possible. Masks are required for anyone over the age of 5. Masks are encouraged for ages 2-5. This show is FREE to families, thanks to the Friends of Plumb Library. Donations are gratefully appreciated and welcomed to support the Friends!

Join us for 4-H Dog Safety with Ms. Cathy and Merida! April is National Dog Bite Prevention Month. Register your family to learn more about dogs with Ms. Cathy and Merida on Tuesday, **April 20**, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. This class is geared to families, adults and children age 5 and up. This is an outdoor program, weather permitting. Registration is required. Limit 10 families. Following MA guidelines, both social distancing and masks for ages 5 and up will be required. Masks for ages 2-5 are encouraged.

Then it's Say It Isn't Cilantro! 4-H Plant Markers program! Let's celebrate Earth Day by learning how to use recycled items to make fun plant markers with Ms. Cathy from Plymouth County 4-H on Wednesday, **April 21**, from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. If you can't attend, check out the Plymouth County MA 4-H Facebook page for their virtual programs! Children under the age of 8 will need adult assistance for this project. Register as a family, limited to 10 families. This will be an outdoor program, weather permitting. Following MA guidelines, both social distancing and masks for ages 5 and up will be required. Masks for ages 2-5 are encouraged.

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### New Programs for Adults and Teens at the MAC

The Marion Art Center is pleased to present new programs for adults and teens. Plein Air Sketching begins **May 19**, and Midsummer Stages begins **June 28**.

Would you like to draw the beauty of nature around you, but aren't sure where to begin? Join instructor Catherine Carter for an outdoor drawing class and learn to capture the observed



landscape in your sketchpad. Through live demonstrations and individual guidance, we will cover methods for selecting a subject, composing the page, describing organic form, and achieving value and texture. This class is perfect for both beginners and those with previous drawing experience. The six-week Plein Air Sketching class will meet on the MAC lawn, patio, or in Bicentennial Park on Wednesdays from **May 19 – June**



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<p><b>TOWN OF MARION</b>  <b>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</b>  <b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #783</b>  The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold an online public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, April 22, 2021 on the application of The Eight Kabeyun Road Nominee Realty Trust and David Davignon for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1A and 230-6.1C of the zoning by-law to allow the construction of a single family dwelling to replace an existing non-conforming single family dwelling.</p> <p>The property, located at 8 Kabeyun Road, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 19 as Lot 80.  Christina Frangos, Chairperson 4/8, 4/15</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT</b>  <b>PLANNING BOARD</b>  <b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b>  The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 40A Section 5 on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm, remotely only via Zoom, on the following proposed amendment to the Mattapoisett Zoning Bylaw:</p> <p>Amendment of Mattapoisett Zoning Bylaws, to include Definitions associated with Regulation of Flood Hazard Areas, a copy of which is on file with the Mattapoisett Town Clerk's Office, Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and at the Planning Board Office, the Board of Selectmen's Office and may be viewed at the Town Webpage by going to: <a href="http://www.mattapoisett.net">www.mattapoisett.net</a>.</p> <p>The Public Hearing will be held on Zoom and you can join the meeting by going to: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/99291207909?pwd=OUFRL2RB-ZmdBMWswczNocDdjRlA5dz09">https://zoom.us/j/99291207909?pwd=OUFRL2RB-ZmdBMWswczNocDdjRlA5dz09</a>  Meeting ID: 992 9120 7909  Passcode: 147195  Call In: 1 646 876 9923  Date of Zoom Meeting/Public hearing: May 3rd, 2021 at 7pm.  Point of Contact:  Michael Gagne  (508) 758-4100 ext. 215  Mattapoisett Planning Board  Thomas M. Tucker, Chairman 4/8, 4/15</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT</b>  <b>PLANNING BOARD</b>  <b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b>  The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 40A Section 5 on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm remotely only via Zoom, on the following proposed amendment to the Mattapoisett Zoning Bylaw:</p> <p>Amendment of Article 8, Regulation of Flood Hazard Areas. Article 8 as it presently exists in the Mattapoisett Zoning Bylaws will be deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new Article 8 a copy of which is on file with the Mattapoisett Town Clerk's Office, Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and at the Planning Board Office, the Board of Selectmen's Office and may be viewed at the Town Web page by going to: <a href="http://www.mattapoisett.net">www.mattapoisett.net</a>.</p> <p>The Public Hearing will be held on Zoom and you can join the meeting by going to: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/99291207909?pwd=OUFRL2RB-ZmdBMWswczNocDdjRlA5dz09">https://zoom.us/j/99291207909?pwd=OUFRL2RB-ZmdBMWswczNocDdjRlA5dz09</a></p>	<p>ZmdBMWswczNocDdjRlA5dz09  Meeting ID: 992 9120 7909  Passcode: 147195  Dial by your location: 1 646 876 9923 US  Date of Zoom Meeting/Public hearing: May 3rd, 2021 at 7:00 pm.  Point of Contact:  Michael Gagne  (508) 758-4100 ext. 215  Mattapoisett Planning Board  Thomas M. Tucker, Chairman 4/8, 4/15</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT</b>  <b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>  <b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b>  An Open Hearing of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm regarding a Notice of Intent Application submitted by Ralph M. Cotelleso. This Open Meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19.</p> <p>The Applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling and to perform associated site work including the construction of a driveway, the installation of a septic system, well and underground utilities together with filling and grading. The proposed work will be performed within a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone AE (E1. 15). The property is located on Brandt Island Road and is further identified as Lot #57 on Assessors Map #14.</p> <p>Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Agent of the Conservation Commission by email at <a href="mailto:ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net">ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net</a> for the Zoom Meeting Information. 4/15</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT</b>  <b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>  <b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b>  An Open Hearing of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm regarding a Notice of Intent Application submitted by Stephen J. Napolitano. This Open Meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19.</p> <p>The Applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling and to perform associated site work including the construction of a driveway, the installation of a septic system, well and underground utilities together with filling and grading. The proposed work will be performed within a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone AE (E1. 15). The property is located on Brandt Island Road and is further identified as Lot #56 on Assessors Map #14.</p> <p>Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Agent of the Conservation Commission by email at <a href="mailto:ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net">ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net</a> for the Zoom Meeting Information. 4/15</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT</b>  <b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>  <b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b>  The Mattapoisett Conservation Com-</p>	<p>mission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (Via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Derek Silvia, 17 Pine Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to replace an existing deck and add stairs. There are no existing stairs to exit the deck which creates a safety hazard. The project is located at 17 Pine Road and is further identified as Lot 2.A on Assessor Map 73.0.</p> <p><b>**Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Agent of the Conservation Commission by email at <a href="mailto:ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net">ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net</a> for the Zoom Meeting Information. 4/15</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION</b>  <b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>  <b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b>  The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 7:10 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File # 41D-1784), submitted by Kyle Prien, to construct a 16' x 16' shed on a monolithic slab at 19 Giffords Corner Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 4A on Marion Assessors' Map 15. Plans are available at the Town House for review.  Shaun P. Walsh, Chair 4/15  *Please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3515 or <a href="mailto:dhemphill@marionma.gov">dhemphill@marionma.gov</a> for the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments.</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT</b>  <b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>  <b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b>  An Open Hearing of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm regarding a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by Howard C. Chadwick, III.</p> <p>This Open Meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19.</p> <p>The Applicant proposes to upgrade a septic system to Title 5 compliance by installing a new septic tank, pump chamber and leaching area. The work will be performed within the Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone AE (E1. 22).</p> <p>The project is located at 9 Fairfield Avenue which is further identified as Lot #4 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #2.  Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Agent of the Conservation Commission by email at <a href="mailto:ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net">ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net</a> for the Zoom Meeting Information. 4/15</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT</b>  <b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>  <b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b>  An Open Hearing of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm regarding a Request</p>

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**23**, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. The cost is \$160 for MAC members, and \$180 for nonmembers. To register, visit [marionartcenter.org/adult-classes](http://marionartcenter.org/adult-classes).

Join a youth theater troupe this summer! Midsummer Stages at the MAC is a summer theater company consisting of young adults in grades 7-12. The program incorporates movement, acting, and performing for a complete theater experience, running a full production from start to finish. The company meets for three hours, three days a week for seven weeks. Each day, actors will meet to rehearse, create costumes, and perform. Participants will also explore movement of the body and develop their own yoga practice along the way. Actors will work with local theater teacher and Equity actor, Jacob Sherburne, alongside the Marion Yoga Loft's very own Elke Pierre. Program guests will include local actors who have been seen on the MAC stage. During the weekend following the final session, there will be three performances of Shakespeare's greatest rom-com, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, at the outdoor Bandstand at Island Wharf in Marion. Rehearsals and practice will take place in Bicentennial Park, at the Bandstand at Island Wharf, or inside the MAC Theater. All theater company meetings, rehearsals, and productions will adhere to current CDC and state guidelines regarding COVID-19 protocols. Actors are expected to wear a mask at all times while inside, or when 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained.

No stage experience is required to be part of this production. People of all types and abilities are encouraged to sign up! Auditions for lead roles will take place on Saturday, **May 22**, with options to audition in person or via Zoom. Auditions are NOT required to participate in the program. The company will meet for seven weeks on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 3:00 pm – 6:00pm, **June 28 – August 11** at the MAC. The cost is \$445 for MAC members and \$495 for nonmembers.

Think you might be too young or too old to participate? Have schedule conflicts? Please call the Marion Art Center at 508-748-1266 or email [info@marionartcenter.org](mailto:info@marionartcenter.org) with questions. Find out more and register online at [marionartcenter.org/midsummer-stages](http://marionartcenter.org/midsummer-stages).

### Mattapoisett's Annual Town Election

Mattapoisett's Annual Town Election is scheduled for Tuesday, **May 18**, at Old Hammondtown School, 20 Shaw Street. The polls will be open from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. Those wishing to obtain an absentee or vote by mail ballot may do so by submitting a request in writing to the Town Clerk, Catherine Heuberger, P.O. Box 89, Mattapoisett. The request must contain a signature, your legal voting residence, the address to which you would like the ballot mailed, and the election you are requesting the ballot for.

As a convenience, the official applications are available on the Town website under the Town Clerk's

[www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com)

page. They are also available at Town Hall during regular business hours. If you would like a ballot application mailed to you, please call. Applications may be returned via email, regular mail, fax, or they may be placed in the blue election mailbox on the front lawn of Town Hall. Ballots will be mailed as soon as they are available to those who have requested them. Please submit your request early, as we must receive the voted ballot back before the polls close on election day for your vote to be counted. Questions? Please email [townclerk@mattapoisett.net](mailto:townclerk@mattapoisett.net) or call 508-758-4100 x 2.

### 2021 Lamoureux Music Scholarship

The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra is pleased to announce that applications are now available for the 2021 Lillian B. Lamoureux Music Scholarship. The scholarship competition is open to all music students ages 14–21. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded, one high school student and one college student. The deadline for application (including two letters of recommendation) is Friday, **April 30**. Students will be asked to submit a video of their audition performance via Dropbox by May 4. Questions may be directed to Education Director Terry Wolkowicz at [twolkowicz@nbsymphony.org](mailto:twolkowicz@nbsymphony.org).

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Wednesday, **April 21**, from 6:30 pm–7:30 pm, the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, in conjunction with the Fairhaven Nasketucket Bird Club, will be hosting a remote Zoom presentation by photographer Peter Christoph, who will narrate a slideshow of his favorite bird photographs all taken right here in Massachusetts where he lives. His program is both entertaining and informative as he shares stories of his photographic adventures, the techniques he uses to capture his images, and reveals his favorite places to take photos of birds in their natural habitat. One attendee of Christoph's presentation, June Reams, described it as "fantastic; a delightful evening of wonderful photography of New England birds."

Immediately after his talk, Christoph will have copies of his signed companion book, *Birds*, available at a discount for purchase by attendees.

Registration is required for you to receive the Zoom meeting information. Zoom information will be sent to your email the day before the presentation. You can register by sending an email to [rsmith@sailsinc.org](mailto:rsmith@sailsinc.org) or by completing the registration form on our online calendar of events. Call the library at 508-758-4171 or email to [rsmith@sailsinc.org](mailto:rsmith@sailsinc.org) if you have questions.

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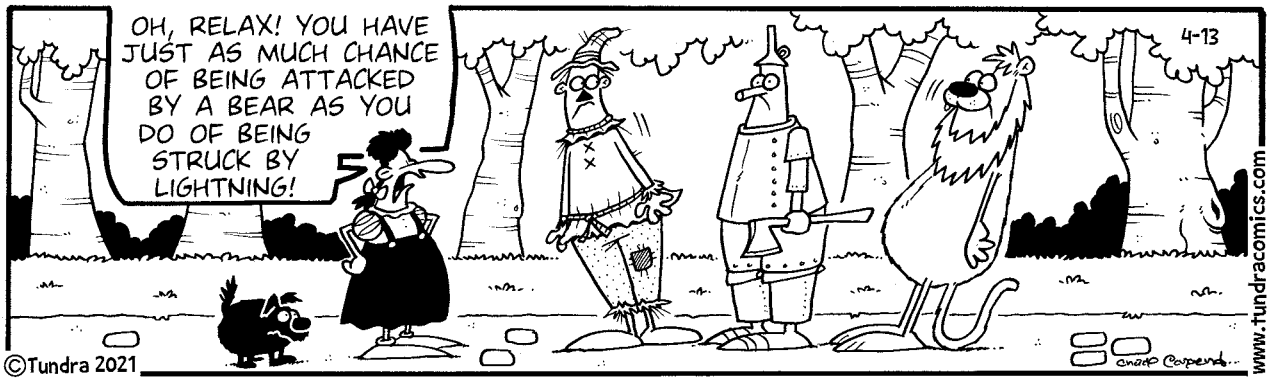
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This program is supported in part by a grant from the Mattapoisett Local Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. To register or learn more, visit our website, [mattapoisettlibrary.org](http://mattapoisettlibrary.org), or call the library at 508-758-4171.

### ORCTV Annual Meeting

Old Rochester Community TV will hold its annual meeting via Zoom at 5:00 pm on Thursday, **May 20**. The annual meeting will include the election of officers to the Old Rochester Community Television Board of Directors. The nominees for 2021 are: Marion Nominee – Phillip Sandborn, 2-year term; Rochester Nominee – Tom Bretto, 2-year term; Membership Seat – Elaine Botelho,



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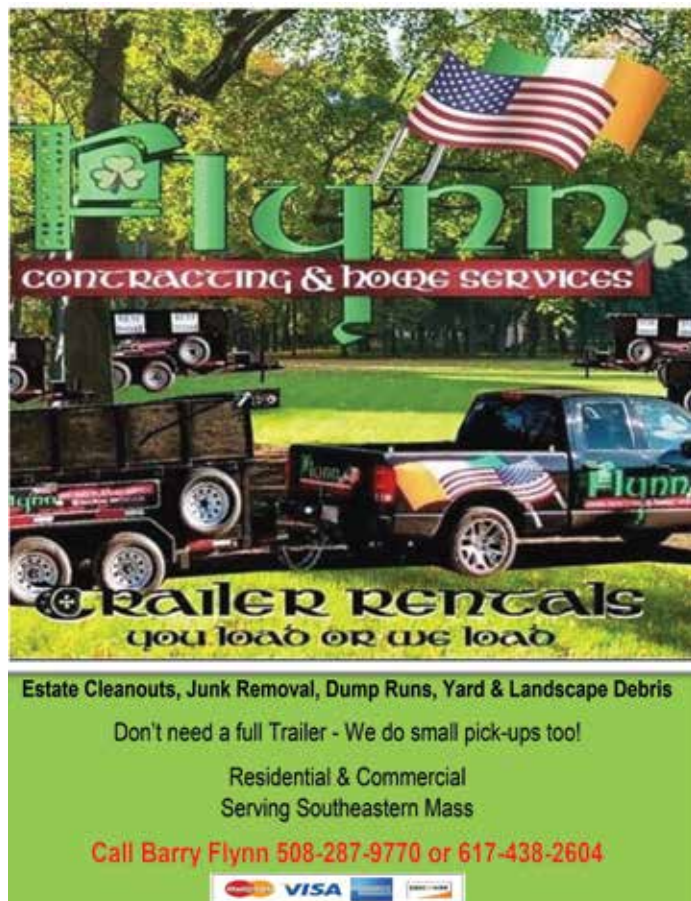


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Because of COVID-19 precautions, the explorations will be divided into two groups of no more than 10 participants each. On Saturday, **April 17**, we'll assemble at 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm at the Holmes historic site on Angelica Avenue. We'll proceed north through the woods into the protected lands of the Old Aucoot District. Together we'll complete all of the field work necessary for the state certification of the pool through the Commonwealth's Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program. This will be a wonderful opportunity for parents, grandparents, and children to learn together about the wetlands of Mattapoissett and their special characteristics.

The exploration is free and open to all, including residents of other towns. The Holmes historic site is located a short distance east of the corner of Prospect Road and Angelica Avenue. Because space is limited, we ask anyone who would like to participate to make

a reservation at [info@mattlandtrust.org](mailto:info@mattlandtrust.org). Please wear appropriate clothing, including rubber boots and masks. The exploration will take place rain or shine. For more information call 774-377-9191 or email [info@mattlandtrust.org](mailto:info@mattlandtrust.org).

### Marion Town House

The Marion Town House is once again open to the public. Hours of operation are 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Thursday, and 8:00 am – 3:30pm on Friday.

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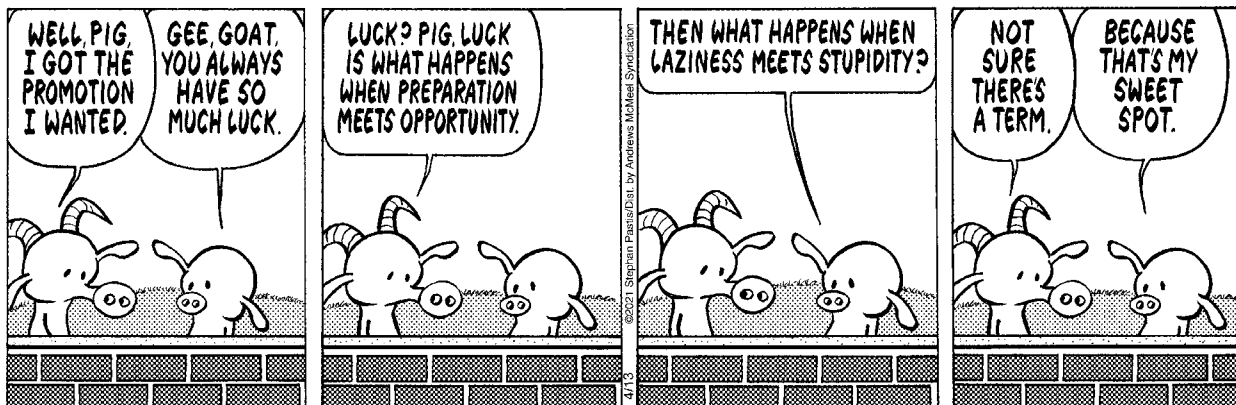
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Office is now located in the former Town Administrator's Office. The best entrance to use is the second door located on the ramp on the library side of the building. All stickers, shellfish licenses, and guest passes will now be issued at this new location. The Harbormaster/Conservation Commission Office will be closed for lunch daily 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. Sticker requests, Conservation Commission submissions, and harbor invoice payments can continue to be done by mail.

The Assessors' Office is now located in the rear of the building (in the former Harbormaster/Conservation Commission Office). The nearest entrance is the staircase on the Main Street side of the building next to the parking lot. The ramp entrance can also be used, and the Assessors' Office can be accessed by going through the Conference Room.

Any questions, please contact the appropriate department. Thank you for your patience during these unprecedented times.

### MAC Calls for Art Auction Contributions

Save the date for the Marion Art Center's Online Art Auction, **July 28-31**. In the meantime, the MAC is collecting art donations in preparation for this premier fundraising event. Do you have a piece of art or special item you no longer use or have room for? The MAC's auction committee is now accepting paintings, prints, art objects, unique or handmade items, ceramic, glass, wood,



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Brent Lestage	April 17
John Oldham	April 17
Kelsey Callahan	April 17
Andrew Eilertsen	April 18
Betty Lee Owen	April 18
Danny Hartley	April 18
Elizabeth Owen	April 18
Paula Franco	April 18
Shawn Marie Sweet	April 18
Abigail Forcier	April 19
Dominic Philie	April 19
Mark Hathaway	April 19
Verna Reed	April 19
Danny Savery	April 20
Janine Price	April 20
Mary Duryea	April 20
Rowan Caulkins	April 20
Bob Sylvester	April 21
Donna George	April 21
Jonathan Alexandre	April 21
Megan Shay	April 21
Rebecca Elger	April 21
Robert A Carey Jr.	April 21

If you would like The Wanderer to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information online to us at [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com). To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.





  
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### MNHM Spring Afterschool Nature Programs

The Marion Natural History Museum will be starting their spring afterschool nature programs on the following dates;

**April 28:** Eastern Box Turtles, presented by Brian Butler of Oxbow Associates. Why are these animals called "box" turtles? What do they eat and what do they need to survive? And why are they endangered? Let's learn a little something about our local turtle population and how we can protect them. Brian will be bringing many hands-on items to explore as well as a radio telemetry demonstration, turtle traps and other scientific equipment used to help locate and protect these animals.

**May 12:** Amazing Arthropods, presented by Blake Dinius of Plymouth County Extension. Insects and spiders make up about 77 percent of all animal species on the planet. Let's take a closer look into our own backyards. We'll find a mysterious world just waiting to be discovered. Want to learn more about insects and the myriad ways that insects impact your life? Come join

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The rest of our upcoming afterschool programs are available at the museum's website, [www.marionmuseum.org](http://www.marionmuseum.org). Due to COVID-19 restrictions, these programs are limited in size and masks and social distancing will be required. Please register early to reserve a spot.

### Rabies Clinic

A rabies clinic for cats and dogs will be held on Sunday, **April 18** from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Fire Station, which is located at 26 County Road. The fee for the vaccination is \$15. Cats must be

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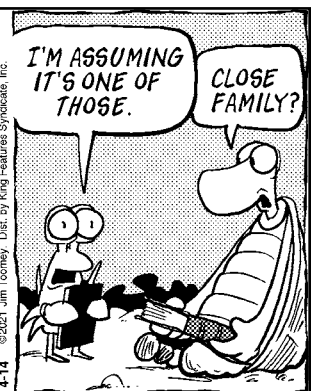
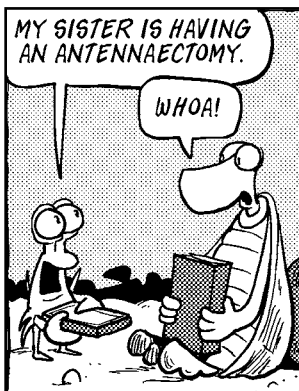
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### Marion Annual Town Meeting

The Marion Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, **May 10**, at Sippican School beginning at 6:45 pm. Due to the continued COVID-19 social distancing requirements and recommendations, we will be asking that anyone wishing to attend the meeting contact the Town Clerk's Office to make a reservation. You may do this by email (Imagauran@marionma.gov) or phone call 508-748-3502.

The current plan is to have the main auditorium for the Board of Selectmen, town administrator, finance director, town clerk, and anyone who is vaccinated, as the chairs will be placed 3 feet apart. For people who are NOT vaccinated, or don't feel comfortable being that close together, the Library, Band Room, and Cafeteria will be available with chairs placed 6 feet apart for social distancing.

Please let us know how many will be attending in your party and which room you would prefer. We ask that you leave an email or phone number in case we need to contact you.

### Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride

The Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride provides one of the most scenic coastal cycling courses in all of New England, and it returns for its 15th year on Sunday, **October 3**. Cyclists of all ages and abilities can sign up now to bike 35, 75, or 100 miles at the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride by visiting [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/ride](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/ride).

The Watershed Ride is a fun community event that supports a great cause: clean water in Buzzards Bay. More than 300 cyclists participate in the Watershed Ride each year, pedaling through 11 coastal communities and passing more than 3,300 acres of conservation land protected

by the Buzzards Bay Coalition and other conservation organizations.

"The ride is the highlight of the fall because it brings together so many people who are excited to be outdoors enjoying the beauty of our Buzzards Bay watershed region, and it celebrates the resources we are working to protect for the future," said Mark Rasmussen, president of the Coalition. "Last year's ride was a great success, despite the changes we made to adapt to the pandemic. We're looking forward to an even better event this year."

In 2021, the Coalition plans to return to its traditional 100-mile route. Starting at Sakonnet Point, it travels past coastal farms and villages, picking up the 75-mile riders at Horseneck Beach State Reservation in Westport, and the 35-mile riders at idyllic East Over Farm in Rochester. All three route options finish at a waterfront celebration in Woods Hole on Cape Cod. With a fun food truck lunch stop, water and snack stations every 20 miles, ace bike mechanics on the route, and shuttles for both people and bikes, cyclists are well cared for and supported. Details on the finish line festivities will be determined closer to the date of the event.

Marion resident Daniel J. Cooney plans to be part of the ride, along with other members of the cycling team that he led last year. "Team Naughty by Nature will be back and better and stronger than ever for this year's Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride," he said. "We came for the incredible ride and volunteers and are staying for the cause of a swimmable, sustainable bay. We can't wait to (lovingly) trash talk the strong, generous, and capable teams that will ride along with us in October. Game on!"

Last year, riders like Cooney collectively raised more than \$200,000 to support the Coalition. Each rider raises a minimum of \$300, and prizes go to riders and teams that raise the highest totals. Many riders participate as members of a team. The teams are organized by friends, such as the "Naughty X Nature" team; community organizations, such as the "Bourne Rail Trail Blazers" and the "South Coast Bike Alliance," and local companies, such as Hutker Architects, Blount Seafood, and Stone Path Malt.

To sign up for the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride, visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/ride](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/ride).

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Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	April 15	10:57	11:04	4:28	4:17
Friday	April 16	11:37	11:41	5:03	4:53
Saturday	April 17		12:20	5:39	5:31
Sunday	April 18	12:25	1:08	6:21	6:16
Monday	April 19	1:15	1:58	7:17	7:14
Tuesday	April 20	2:09	2:52	8:41	8:28
Wednesday	April 21	3:07	3:51	10:01	9:47
Thursday	April 22	4:11	4:53	10:53	10:56
Friday	April 23	5:16	5:51	11:34	11:53
Saturday	April 24	6:15	6:44		12:14
Sunday	April 25	7:07	7:34	12:45	12:55
Monday	April 26	7:57	8:23	1:36	1:38
Tuesday	April 27	8:47	9:12	2:28	2:23
Wednesday	April 28	9:38	10:03	3:21	3:10
Thursday	April 29	10:30	10:56	4:12	3:57
Friday	April 30	11:25	11:52	5:02	4:45
Saturday	May 1		12:23	5:56	5:37
Sunday	May 2	12:52	1:23	7:12	6:38
Phases of the Moon		First Quarter	April 20th	Full Moon	April 27th
		Last Quarter	May 3rd	New Moon	May 11th



## I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com) and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the April 8, 2021 edition the Aardvark was on page 17!

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MIB	DSL	SYSOPS	APPS
GIA	AOL	CROWEFAMILY	
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## SCRAMBLERS

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1. Falter
2. Eagle;
3. Seeker;
4. Exude

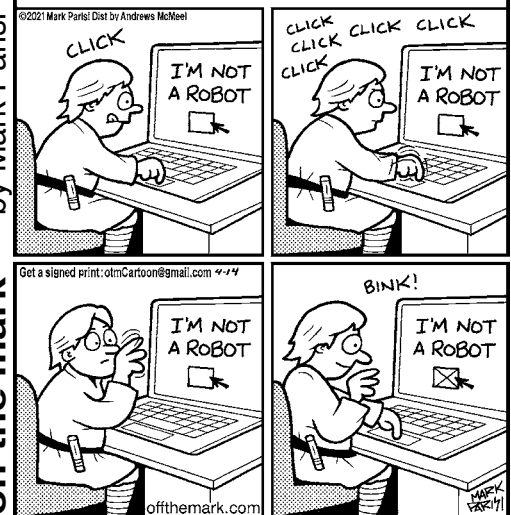
## Today's Word REFLEXES

### Sudoku Answer

4	8	2	5	1	6	3	7	9
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3	2	8	7	5	1	6	9	4
9	5	4	2	6	3	8	1	7
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## A LONG TIME AGO IN A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY...

by Mark Parisi  
off the mark





at PLUMB CORNER

SALE EFFECTIVE:  
Friday, April 16 – Thursday, April 22, 2021

565 Rounseville Road • Rochester, MA 02770

Phone: 508.763.5333

Open Daily: 7am–9pm

## Grocery, Dairy, Frozen & Bakery

**LaCroix**  
12 oz. Cans, 12 Pack  
Selected  
**Sparkling Water**  
**\$4.99**  
+ Dep.

6 oz. Selected  
**Annie's Pasta & Cheese ..... \$1.79**

2 oz. Tin  
**Colman's Dry Mustard ..... \$3.99**

64 oz. Selected 100%  
**Ocean Spray Cranberry Juice ..... \$3.99**

Half Liter Bottles, 35 Pack  
**Crystal Geyser Spring Water.. \$4.99**

Half Pint Bottles, 12 Pack  
**Poland Spring Water ..... 2/\$6**

330 ml Cans, 6 Pack Selected  
**SanPellegrino Sparkling Water ..... \$4.99**  
Plus Dep.

15.9-16.6 oz. Original or Crunch  
**Kellogg's Raisin Bran ..... 2/\$7**

15-24 oz. Selected (Excludes Organics)  
**Newman's Own Pasta Sauce.. 2/\$5**

12-16 oz. Selected  
**Newman's Own Dressing ..... 2/\$7**

5.5 oz. Selected  
**Food Should Taste Good Tortilla Chips ..... 2/\$5**

64 oz. Selected  
**Blue Diamond Almond Breeze 2/\$7**

Fresh Baked 15 oz. 12 ct. Pkg. Selected  
**Cookies..... \$4.99**

Fresh Baked 24 oz. Pkg.  
**Blueberry Pie ..... \$5.99**

## Quality Meats, Deli & Prepared Foods

**Allen's Chicken Tenderloins**  
**\$3.79**  
lb.

**Boar's Head 16 oz. Pkg. Bacon ..... \$7.99**

**Boar's Head Deluxe Ham ..... \$7.99**  
lb.

**Store Made Tuna Salad ..... \$8.99**  
lb.

**Allen's Rotisserie Chicken**  
**\$8.99**  
ea.

## Wine & Beer

All Beer is Plus Deposit

## Produce

### FANTASTIC SPRING WINES!

750 ml Washington, Pinot Noir  
**Cloudnine . . . Reg. Price: \$19.99 \$17.99**

750 ml California Cabernet Sauvignon  
**Bogle ..... \$12.99**

750 ml New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc  
**Clifford Bay. .... \$10.99**

We also carry a great selection of  
**Ready to Drink Cocktails & Seltzers**

• White Claw • Truly • Cutawater • Fisher's Island • High Noon • & more!

We have an awesome selection of fresh, cold Craft Beer from...  
• Buzzard's Bay • Mayflower  
• Bissell Brothers • Lawson's  
• Lord Hobo • Wormtown • & many more!

12 oz. Cans/Bottles, 30 Pack  
**Coors Light. .... \$27.99**

12 oz. Selected, 12 Pack  
**Samuel Adams. .... \$17.99**

12 oz. Selected, 12 Pack  
**Sierra Nevada. .... \$19.40**

12 oz. Cans, 18 Pack  
**Pabst Blue Ribbon . . . \$17.99**

3 lb. Bag  
**Clementines. .... \$4.99**

Seedless  
**Red Grapes ..... \$2.49**  
lb.

Seedless  
**Watermelon ..... \$6.99**  
ea.

Cluster  
**Tomatoes..... \$1.29**  
lb.

Crisp  
**Iceberg Lettuce ..... \$1.69**  
hd.

Fresh  
**Green Peppers. .... \$1.69**  
lb.



SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!



Check our new selections of  
**Local & Craft Beer,  
Cider & Wine!**

- Safety Guidelines**
- Face covering required at all times in the store
  - Limit trips (buy more at once)
  - Only 1 shopper per household when possible
  - Keep a safe social distance



Friends Market at  
Plumb Corner was  
Voted #1 for Deli  
& Garden Center/  
Nursery for 2020!



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Ask at the Deli.**

**Friends'**  
marketplace

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**at PLUMB CORNER**

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Due to current market conditions, item retails may change and products may become unavailable unexpectedly.

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# BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!



Friends'  
Premium Black Angus  
Store Ground  
85% Lean  
Ground  
Chuck  
**\$5.49**  
lb.



Friends'  
Store Baked  
Ham  
**\$8.49**  
lb.



Prince  
12-16 oz. Selected  
Pasta  
**4/\$5**



Ben & Jerry's  
16 oz. Selected  
Frozen Yogurt or  
Ice Cream  
**\$4.49**



Bud Light  
12 oz. Cans/Bottles  
30 Pack  
**\$27.99**  
+ Dep.



Crossbarn  
750 ml California  
Chardonnay  
Wine  
**\$16.99**  
Reg. Price: \$19.99



## Garden Center

## Cheese & Spreads

### PANSIES HAVE ARRIVED!

6 Packs  
Annuals. . . . . **\$2.49**  
ea.  
48 Plants  
Annuals. . . . . **\$17.99**  
ea. Mix & Match!  
6 Inch Pots, Assorted Colors  
Pansies. . . . . **2/\$10**  
10 Inch Hanging Basket  
Assorted Colors  
Pansies. . . . . **\$19.99**  
ea.

### VEGETABLES & HERBS

6 Packs, Cold Season  
Vegetables or Herbs . . . **\$2.39**  
ea.

### SPRING BULB PLANTS

Bulb Trays  
Yellow Daffodils,  
Tete-a-Tetes,  
Grape Hyacinth,  
or Tulips. . . . . **\$16.99**  
ea.

8 oz. Ball  
BelGioioso  
Mozzarella Cheese . . . **\$2.99**

10 oz. Pkg. Selected  
Boar's Head  
Hummus. . . . . **2/\$6**



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